



San Saba First United Methodist Church June 2016 Newsletter

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First United Methodist Church
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Rev. John Saint, 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
Accompanist:
Nettie Oma Carpenter
Choir Director:
Tracey Thomas
Church Secretary
Kristi Owens
Church Treasurer
Kevin Shahan
Custodian:
Mario Mendiola**

**Newsletter deadline is the last
Wednesday of the month.**

From the Pastor's Desk.....

Peace



*In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.
So we are ambassadors for Christ,
since God is making his appeal through us.*

2 Corinthians 5:19-20

Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5:13

This month we continue our consideration of the Beatitudes.

*Beatitude 7: Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.*

One of the most coveted honors in the world is the Nobel Peace Prize, awarded to those who have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations. One of the world's most popular prayers, the prayer of St. Francis begins, "Lord, make me an instrument of your peace." In light of the prominence of these ideals in society, how ironic is it that we seldom think we are called to be peacemakers! In March of last year we looked at the nature of peace in the context of the fruit of the spirit. This month let's consider peace as the mission given to us by God, to bring about reconciliation wherever humans are alienated from God or one another.

Dealing with strained relationships is not pleasant. Too often I feel pulled to "stay out of it" when I encounter discord between people. That may sometimes be the right thing to do – except that in every conflict we are to pray for reconciliation, and we should always avoid exacerbating the problem. No more carrying tales from one side of the conflict to the other. No more participating in gossipy misrepresentation and exaggeration. When someone tells you something unpleasant about a friend, an acquaintance, or even your pastor, do not add fuel to the fires of animosity by continuing the gossip!

But being a peacemaker means more than being passive. In the Incarnation, God engaged actively in making peace with creation. Certainly, then, as Jesus tells us in this beatitude, if we want to be called children of God, we are to be actively engaged in making peace in our community and around the world.

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Since its beginning, one of the most important parts of Christian worship has been “the passing of the peace.” For many congregations today (those who even still bother to do it) it is simply an opportunity to say “hello” to that friend you didn’t see before the service, or to compliment someone’s dress. But passing the peace is not meant to be an exercise in polite civility. Instead, it should be a concrete action rooted in daily life. It should be a meaningful reminder of our calling to be ambassadors for Christ. How can you be an ambassador of Christ in the world if you are in conflict with someone in your very own congregation? Even if it is no longer part of the worship service, seek to be at peace with everyone in your church and your community, and remember that God commands us to do so.

This month as you consider the seventh beatitude, I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Almighty God, author of peace,
and its most active proponent:
so greatly did you desire
the reconciliation of all things to yourself
that in Christ you assumed the humility
of existence as a human being
even to the point of accepting the humiliation
of death by public execution.
Give me grace to risk my own comfort
and my own status
in order that others may be at peace with you
and one another!
In the cause of peace,
strengthen me through daily devotion;
through Christ who offers perfect peace to all.
Amen. Grace and Peace,
Pastor John



On Vacation.....
Choir will not be meeting for June and July
They will resume in August.



**What Can You Do To Help FUMC
Have A Successful VBS?**

**Save your TOILET PAPER ROLLS
for a VBS craft**

**Save your PLASTIC QUART JARS
(like peanut butter, jelly or mayonnaise
jars) for VBS craft**

Add VBS to your prayer list!!!!



Mario & Gloria Mendiola were honored for their loyal service as FUMC janitors at a covered dish May 22nd. A Love Offering was presented to them during the covered dish meal and time of fellowship.

Prayer Concerns

Allison Millican (Winston & Kristen's infant daughter)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves & Mark Owns (safety)
Stan & Millie Burnham (Stan is at home)
Rain—thanks for another good rain
Zolly Jones (former member now in Windcrest Nursing Home)
Our Church, Our Town & Our Nation

Bill & Evelyn Herman (Cindy Prater's parents)
Peter Hald (cataract surgery on both eyes)
The family of Bill Walden (Kelly Murray's grand father)
VBS
Bettye McLaughlin (moving to town)
Our Military Men, Women & Families

You Are Invited to FUMC'S Bible Camp

Including a
Family Pool Party on Tuesday Night
& Thursday Night Performance



Invite Your Friends To Attend!!!!

**June 20-23
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

For More Information Contact Christi Mays at 325-452-3326



Travis Gage & Roland Hawkins have worked very hard to restore the playscape in the backyard of FUMC. They have spent countless hours working on it and enlisted help from others in the community. Ian Saint, Read Saint, Sarah Saint, Raley Kirk, Alexis Saint, their friends Abby and Courtney and John Saint painted the playscape neon yellow. Randal Hawkins and Mike McDowell also helped putting the platforms, roofs and equipment back on the frame! A big thank you goes out to these people.

Our Church Family

The end of the school year brings lots of activities. Shea Scott is home from the spring semester at Angelo State University and has a job at Pecan Pool this summer. Read Saint will also be working there. Kelly Barker, daughter of Owen & Linda Parks, graduated from Lexington University with a degree in religious studies. So of course, Owen & Linda and other family members flew to Virginia to celebrate with her as she walked across the stage. Tracey Thomas is quite the celebrity. First she was recognized by the Masonic Lodge as an outstanding teacher of San Saba High School. She received a \$25.00 gift certificate for that honor. Then the teachers at San Saba High School voted her the Teacher of the Year for their campus. Congratulations, Tracey! Jaycie Everett was named the Outstanding Sixth Grader in an Awards Presentation at San Saba Middle School this week. Travis Hawkins has traveled to St. Paul Minnesota for training for his new job. He will work on wind turbines after his training is completed. We express our sympathy to Kelly Murrery on the loss of her grandfather, Bill Walden. CK Stevenson was one of several presenters at a program at the Civic Center on Honor Warriors. Harrison Hamer is pleased that his kids are moving into his house and he is moving to a cabin on his property. Celia Bell was installed as second vice president of the Pierian Study Club at a recent meeting at Cherry Kay Lange's house. Sam Murray is recovering from hip replacement surgery and doing well. He is back to working some at City National Bank. Stan Burnham was going out to eat with his family at Pepperbelly's to celebrate Mother's Day and his daughter Diana's birthday. Nettie Oma Carpenter enjoyed her daughter and son-in-law worshipping with her on Mother's Day Sunday. Nettie Oma is retiring as our pianist and we are certainly going to miss her face at the piano and her music. Corey, Myles, and Cash Dyson also made it in to worship Mother's Day Sunday with her parents, Ronnie and Lesa Schulze. Fifty-five years ago do you know what Orlando Miller was doing? Well, in case you don't know, the San Saba newspaper gave you a clue. Orlando was working for the State Highway Department in Burnet Texas and came home to visit his daughter and other relatives for the week-end. Sarah Saint and her tennis partner Brinlee Johnson placed 3rd in the middle school girl doubles at the district 27 middle school contest. Daylon Smith celebrated his 11th birthday at the lake with some of his friends. Grant Mays has been coaching Nolan's tball team. Shannon Hampu enjoyed having her granddaughters visit one weekend. Peter Hald is getting ready for cataract surgery. George Kidd brought his brother and sister in law to church with him one Sunday. Travis and Kathy Gage had a garage sale with some neighbors and then traveled to Austin for a family baby shower. Allison Millican and her family, granddaughter of Bob & Debbie Millican, is back in Dell's Children's Hospital in Austin and need to remain on our prayer list. Jantzen Bell is also home for the summer.

