



San Saba First United Methodist Church November 2017 Newsletter

Charge Conference

Sunday, November 12th at 3 p.m. FUMC will be hosting 6 area churches (Star, Center City, Goldthwaite, Brady and Melvin) for charge conference. Rev. Andy Smith, district superintendent, will be conducting the charge conferences. All church officers, committee chairman, or any interested church members are encouraged to attend. Our church, as host church, will be



**FUMC
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Pastor: John Saint**

You Are Invited To A
Covered Dish Luncheon
Sunday, December 3rd
Immediately After
the Worship Service



2018 Covered Dish Schedule

The Church Life Committee has planned Covered Dish Luncheons to be held quarterly during 2018. The date for the first quarter will be announced after the first of the year. The second quarter's Covered Dish will honor our San Saba High School senior Read Saint and will be held the first of May. The 3rd quarter Covered Dish Luncheon will be in August just before school starts and will be following the Blessing of the Backpacks. The fourth Covered Dish Luncheon will be the holiday Covered Dish the end of November or the first of December.



When You Joined FUMC you pledged to support it with your attendance, your prayers, your time and your money.

Prayer Concerns

Harrison Hamer at Shady Shores
David & Barbara Gilger (David is at Shady Shores for rehab)
Mel Landers, our pianist
Mike Johnson
Travis & Kathy Gage (Travis is a 3 yr. cancer survivor)
Amanda Jackson (Pecan Valley Nursing Home & Rehab)
Brad Reeves, Josh Thomas, Travis Murdock (Kelly Murray's brother) & Mark Owns (safety)
Sonya Hibler Owens (cancer)
Lisa Wise (cancer)
Bettye McLaughlin
Stan & Millie Burnham
Kyler Menchaca (youth involved in 4 wheeler accident)

Some of FUMC's Servants



Trustees Roland Hawkins and Travis Gage spent one afternoon recently fixing a plumbing leak. Thanks guys for helping take care of our building,

Ordering Supplies For The Church

1. There will be a sign-up sheet to order supplies that the church needs in both the church office and the janitorial closet. If you notice that we are almost out of an item please write it down on one of the two lists.
2. Holly Wise will be responsible for checking those two lists and ordering supplies as needed.
3. Thanks Holly for volunteering to do this.



From the Pastor's Desk.....

Redemption's 500th Anniversary

October 31, 2017 marked exactly 500 years to the day since Martin Luther nailed his Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther's act and the Roman Church's reaction to it sparked the Protestant Reformation. As United Methodists today what is its significance to us? Why even observe it? After all, we are not the descendants of Luther. Our roots are deep in the Anglican tradition: Both John and Charles Wesley were priests in the Church of England. What Luther did 500 years ago not only split the church, it set all the churches on a path of continual reformation.

Luther chose October 31 because it was the day before All Saints' Day. The Castle Church's front door opened on a major street and it was a good place to post a notice for public viewing. Luther knew that on the next day, November 1 — All Saints' Day — the church would be filled with worshipers. His act of posting his Ninety-Five Theses on the door was the equivalent of taking out a newspaper ad, putting up a website, or publishing a blog today.

Why did Luther post his 95 Theses? Luther was objecting to a number of teachings and doctrines of the church, especially the practice of selling "indulgences." These were actual certificates that people could purchase from the Church that absolved them of their sins and promised their salvation and eternal life. Pope Leo X called for the sale of indulgences in Germany to help raise money to complete the construction of Saint Peter's Cathedral in Rome.

Luther's argument with the Roman Church was primarily about salvation and our relationship to God. Luther argued that salvation could not be purchased; it was an act of God, given to us by grace, through faith in Jesus Christ. God has already achieved salvation for us by the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Salvation is ours to accept through faith; we cannot, by our own good works, put God in the position of owing us salvation. A second major theme of Luther's argument was the idea of "the priesthood of all believers." What Luther meant was that Christians do not need an intermediary, a priest, between them and God. He argued that, essentially, all Christians are priests. It was the privilege of all Christians to come to know God personally, to pray directly to God rather than through another person, and to read the Bible and worship in their own native

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As United Methodists today, there are a number of reasons why we should observe the day. The themes of salvation by faith and the priesthood of all believers are still important aspects of our own faith today. The great split that occurred in the church is still with us, even though our fractured denominations have come closer together over the years. Today I hope we can observe Reformation Day as a marker along the road toward the unity of the church and community among all Christians. On this, the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, we have an opportunity to repent of the sins and excesses of the past and to celebrate our common faith, even if we still cannot celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion together. The Reformation today can represent the healing of old wounds, as together, we all work to build and strengthen Christ's church, and love one another as Christ loves us.

As you reflect on the significance of 500 years of reforming change in the church I invite you to pray this prayer with me:

Triune God: as the Father is one with the Son is one with the Holy Spirit, make us one with each other. Do not let us look at schism as our destiny. Help us to see all distinctions in the light of your everlasting love. Help us to recognize the truth in whatever form it comes. We ask these things so that all creatures on earth may glorify you throughout the ages. Amen.



Cory and Katie Lee are the proud parents of a baby girl, Mary Kate Lee, born September 1. The bundle of joy weighed 9 lbs and was 21 inches long. Grandparents are



The Godly Play Sunday School Class and the Thinking of You Ladies Group are both involved in the Grub Sack Ministry which provides weekend meals to kids who do not have enough to eat. Currently 34 students are being provided food. If you would like to help with this ministry, a donation can be made to the St. Stephens

The Young Adult Sunday School Class is studying an overview of the bible. They read five passages a week and then discuss them during Sunday School.

Oct 29

Ezra 1:1-11; 6:1-22

Nehemiah 2:1-20; 6:1-19

Ester 3:1-4:17; 7:1-10

Job 1:1-2:10; 42:1-17

Psalm 23:1-6; 51

:1-19

Nov. 5

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Daniel 6:1-28

Jonah 1:1-4:11

Matthew 1:18-2:23; Luke 2:1-52

Office Angels & Cleaning Crew

Please check out the list of CLEANING CREW duties and OFFICE ANGELS duties on pages 5-6 of this newsletter and decide which you would like to sign up for. Carol Littlefield at 325-372-3883 will be the volunteer coordinator for the Office Angels. Folks wanting to sign up to be a part of the CLEANING CREW can sign up on the calendar by the kitchen downstairs. Your willingness to



The Godly Play Sunday School



**Stewardship Sunday
November 19th**

Watch Your Mailbox for the Stewardship Letter and Pledge Cards next week.

Please begin to prayerfully consider your contribution to our church to our church in the next year

**Game Night
Wednesday
November 15
5:30 p.m.
Pizza**



**5th Quarter At FUMC
For High School Only
November 3rd
Immediately After the
Football Game
Cookies & Soda
Donations Needed
Bring a Friend**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Office Angels Duties

DAILY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	NOTES
Answering machine messages Check PO Box – Mail Separate & Distribute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastor ○ Kevin (until Jan) (Treasurer) ○ FUMC Mailboxes 	Answering machine messages Check PO Box – Mail Separate & Distribute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastor ○ Kevin (until Jan) (Treasurer) ○ FUMC Mailboxes 	Answering machine messages Check PO Box – Mail Separate & Distribute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastor ○ Kevin (until Jan) (Treasurer) ○ FUMC Mailboxes 	Answering machine messages Check PO Box – Mail Separate & Distribute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastor ○ Kevin (until Jan) (Treasurer) ○ FUMC Mailboxes 	Answering machine messages Check PO Box – Mail Separate & Distribute <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pastor ○ Kevin (until Jan) (Treasurer) ○ FUMC Mailboxes 	Committee Meeting Notifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Carolyn McDowell Supply Purchasing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Holly Wise
Bulletins sent to homebound.	Bulletins sent to homebound.	Bulletins sent to homebound.	Distribute bulletins with music inserts.	Distribute bulletins with music inserts.	
Mail birthday letters.	Mail birthday letters.	Mail birthday letters.	Leave papers out for Sunday offering counters.	Leave papers out for Sunday offering counters.	
Print coloring pages for the kid's bucket bags.	Print coloring pages for the kid's bucket bags.	Print coloring pages for the kid's bucket bags.	Leave out lock bag from bank.	Leave out lock bag from bank.	
Clean office as needed: vacuum, dust, trash out	Clean office as needed: vacuum, dust, trash out	Clean office as needed: vacuum, dust, trash out			
Other duties as necessary.					

MONTHLY

Purchase Supplies – Office, janitorial cleaning, kitchen (TBD); supply list to be posted in office

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE -- JANITORIAL

WEEKLY

1. Bathrooms – men's and women's

- Sweep & mop
- Clean toilet, sink
- Re-stock toilet paper, paper towels, hand soap
- Empty trash

2. Kitchen & Kitchen Entrance

- Sweep & mop
- Clean counter tops, stove area and sink, microwave; general de-clutter & straighten up
- Remove out-dated items from refrigerator
- Empty trash

3. Sanctuary vacuuming – Right side

- Back & front areas; altar railing/steps and pulpit landing
- Main entrance, rug, steps and sanctuary level landing
- Landing area by mail boxes

4. Sanctuary vacuuming – Left side

- Back & front areas; altar railing/steps and pulpit landing
- Landing area in front of elevator.
- Elevator floor.

5. Parlor Vacuum

- Including old library

MONTHLY

A. Fellowship Hall Vacuum

- Custodial room (sweep)
- Pre-Dungeon room
- 2 stair wells & landings
 - Side door areas (office/nursery)
 - Back door areas (by elevator & back door)

B. Dust sanctuary

C. Clean glass doors (3)

**Sunday School classes (Young Adult, Godly Play) and Pastor will maintain their areas: Dust, vacuum, remove all trash.

***Secretary's office will be maintained by Office Angel Volunteers.