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First United Methodist Church of Gatesville

SPOTLIGHT

September 2019

The mission of our church is to raise up disciples of Christ through love, service, and example.

FROM STEPHEN'S STUDY

The summer of 2019 is quickly drawing to a close. All of us have enjoyed our fair share of time away with our families. It is important to spend some time away on vacation. Traveling together and enjoying new adventures helps families grow closer. I hope all of you had a great summer.

Now that summer is over, it is time to refocus our attention on something else that can help our families grow closer to one another and to God; regular attendance at worship. Attending worship as a family glorifies and honors God. It also helps us center our lives on Christ. Family attendance at worship builds Christian character, encourages peace in the home, and binds the family together in the love of God. We all know that worship attendance is important, but it is a habit that is easy to forget about during vacation time.

The beginning of a new school year is a great time to get back in the habit of regular worship attendance. Hebrews 10: 25 states, "Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing, instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day (of Christ's return) drawing near." I hope you and your family will renew your habit of regular worship attendance this fall.

See you Sunday,
Stephen


Gatesville
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Love. Service. Example.

goodbye, august hello, september

September LITURGISTS

September 1	September 8	September 15	September 22	September 29
8:30 A. Daze 10:30 W. Wall	8:30 V. Riddle 10:30 G. Sadler	8:30 R. Jones 10:30 W. Wall	8:30 L. Lovelace 10:30 Kathleen	8:30 A. Daze 10:30 Robin



THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED TO COOK FOR WEDNESDAY WORD. BELOW YOU WILL FIND THE COOKS SCHEDULE STARTING SEPTEMBER 18TH:

SEPTEMBER 18: AMY DAZE

SEPTEMBER 25: THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS

OCTOBER 2: JOHN & SHERRI YOUNG

OCTOBER 9: GAYE SADLER, DEDE POWELL, ANNE RAMMINGER

OCTOBER 16: STEPHEN SCHMIDT

OCTOBER 23: THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS

OCTOBER 30: TRUNK OR TREAT—NO WEDNESDAY WORD

PLEASE CONTACT COURTNEY IF YOU ARE WANTING TO USE A CHURCH CHARGE CARD TO PURCHASE THE GROCERIES NEEDED VERSUS GETTING REIMBURSED AFTERWARDS 254-865-2520.

ATTENDANCE

August 4
Sunday School 51
8:30 Worship 43
10:30 Worship 78

August 11
Sunday School 49
8:30 Worship 44
10:30 Worship 80

August 18
Sunday School 47
8:30 Worship 50
10:30 Worship 75

August 25
Sunday School 50
8:30 Worship 45
10:30 Worship 84

MILITARY

Brandon Durham
Tyler Cooper
Tom Cushing
John Decker
Dusty Dossman
Than Dossman
Dylan Hartmann
Larrett McCoy
Matt Mohler
Fredrick Ralls
Wesley Reay
Jacklyn McAndrew
Michael McAndrew
Jeron Tarpley
Eric Ward
Dakota Elliott
Roy Thomas
LeAnn Mullins



CONFIRMATION CLASS MEETING:

if your child is signed up to take the upcoming Confirmation Class we as that parents attend the parent meeting on September 8th following 10:30 am worship service in the Banquet Room.

September BIRTHDAY'S

- 1 Zoe Gribble
- 2 Florene Dorsey
- 3 Linda Klontz
- 3 Ollie Loggins
- 5 William Ayers
- 5 Tanner Gonzales
- 7 Allyson Lovelace
- 7 Eli Martin
- 9 Dylan Pruitt
- 9 Beverly Ward
- 10 Brendan Sellers
- 11 Wacey Corley
- 11 Kay Smiley
- 13 Linda Farrell
- 13 Norma Phillips
- 13 Annie Puglisi
- 14 Jennifer Scott
- 15 Kyler Smith
- 17 Elizabeth Brown
- 19 Shirleen Chandler
- 19 Trisha Farrell
- 20 Kayla Sellers
- 21 Robert Brown
- 23 Jack Maxwell
- 23 Casey Wood
- 24 James Westbrook
- 25 Charles Ament
- 25 Roy Hayes
- 25 Jim Klontz
- 26 Johnny Westbrook
- 27 Betsy Traylor
- 28 Ricky Lovelace
- 30 Christopher Ward

Christmas in September!



It's finally time to replace our Church Christmas tree ornaments. Unfortunately, the treasured ornaments that have adorned our tree for at least 40 years are in a sad state of disrepair. The original ornaments were made of styrofoam and many have been broken over the years or have become too fragile to use. Beginning in September, we will have a table set up in the foyer with a sampling of the beautiful new ornaments that have been selected to replace our old Chrismons. We are asking for a donation of \$30 to help fund each new ornament. The new gold and white, beaded ornaments are handmade in the traditional Chrismon patterns. Each ornament comes in a storage box with a card describing its symbolic meaning. This is a perfect opportunity to remember friends or family by purchasing a Chrismon in their honor. Merry Christmas! **Sponsored by the Don Allison Fellowship Class**

FREE TREATS

SEPTEMBER 13TH 3-5PM

Get Wells

Bennie Hansson
Ronnie & Sharon Sullins
Ken & Velva Riddle
Anne Ramminger

Helen Theaker
Ronnie & Sharon Sullins
Ken & Velva Riddle
Carol Smith
Melinda Ivy
Betty Brown
Zula Ayers

Ollie Loggins
Anne Ramminger

Mary Bates
Ken & Velva Riddle

Linda Hayes
Ken & Velva Riddle

Nellie Sheldon
Carol Smith

Emily Young
Betty Brown

PRAYER CONCERNS

Sally Jund
Tommy Kaderka
Barbara Miller
Mr. & Mrs. Wagner

Ilene Whittle
Alessandra Wike
Tom Jackson
Robert Peevey
MH Shepherd
Bennie Hansson
Corinne Erwin
Beverly Logan

Helen Theaker
Ginger Nelson
Keith Thompson
Grant Fitch
Danny Valenzula
Ollie Loggins
Linda Hayes
KC Keith Johnson

Emily Young
Delaney Lee
Hunter Solis
Dale White
Kayla Sellers
Nellie Sheldon
Wavaley Berry



"God Calling" is the theme of an upcoming revival event at First United Methodist Church of Gatesville. Rev. Mark Winter of One Man Show Ministries will be here to conduct services from September 15th to September 18th. Sunday worship begins at 8:30 & 10:30 am and evening services will be at 5:30 pm.

Services will feature music, inspirational messages and dramatic monologues on hearing, accepting, and living out our call from God. Rev. Winter, who lives in Ft.

Worth, Texas, formed his One Man Show Ministries in 1999 as a "creative force for God." He is a General Evangelist of the United Methodist Church and author of *If There Is No God*, published by Cook Communications, and *Just One Word* and *The Devil's Diary* by Snowfall Press. Visit his website at www.onemanshow.org. At one church where Rev. Winter conducted renewal services, the pastor wrote, "Mark brought a unique and refreshing approach to revival that was enthusiastically embraced by our congregation. He held everyone's attention with his blend of humor, stories and gospel message."

You are warmly invited to attend this special event to be renewed in mind and spirit!!!

Welcome Sydney... Kayla and Kyle Sellers announce the arrival of Sydney Kay Sellers August 7, 2019 at Ascension Providence in Waco. She is welcomed home by her brother, Brendan Sellers



Fall Women's Bible Study

Starts on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

All women in the church and the community are welcome! Bring a friend! We will meet every Tuesday, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm, except on UMW Tuesday's, we will meet 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm. **For our Fall study we will use the book *Children of the Day* by the prolific Christian author Beth Moore. Buy your book on Amazon for \$13.35 (possible tax, no shipping with Prime), or contact Susan Itin for help with your purchase: 713-503-4742, itin.susan@gmail.com.** In this study, we will walk the shores of Thessalonica together and study Thessalonians 1 and 2. You'll learn how to let go of past mistakes, discover your circumstances are not coincidental, that God's timing is impeccable! Whether you're facing family or medical crises, relationship troubles, doubts, or fears, you'll come away encouraged—you are exactly where Christ wants you to be, even though it may not feel that way.

Children's Ministry

Sunday School

K-3

Jane Harvey

4-6

Jennifer Boyd

Bible Stories each week:

Unit 1: Communities Welcome

Sept. 01- We Are One; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Sept. 08- Communities Accept; John 4:1-42

Sept. 15- Welcoming Others; Mark 10:46-52

Sept. 22- Communities Forgive; Luke 19:1-10

Sept. 29- Children Contribute; John 6:1-15

Children's Church

4y-3rd grade

Jane Harvey

Singing praises to God in the little Chapel



Wednesday Word

(K-6th Grade)

Jane Harvey & Linda Klontz

Awesome Animals in the Bible

Sept. 18- Meal and go to the Sanctuary: Rev. Mark Winter

Sept. 25- Noah's Ark; Genesis 9:13



**Sunday School:
Every Sunday @ 9:30am.**

**Call the church office for
special youth events and more
information 254-865-2520.**

It's a Boy!

We're showering gifts of bliss and happiness on a little bundle of joy who is coming soon. Please bless us with your presence at our baby shower in honor of:



Sometimes the smallest things take up the most room in your Heart.

Parents: Emily (Brown) and Barron Williams

Grandparents: Jon and Judy Brown, Mary Ann Williams

Great-Grands: Blake and Dorothy Lovelace

You are cordially invited to attend a come and go baby shower on October 5th from 2-4 pm in the parlor of the First United Methodist Church of Gatesville.

Hosted by friends and family.

Selections at Amazon.com and Target, but we love surprises and **BOOKS!**

The annual United Methodist Women's Sunday will be observed September 22 at both services. Our guest speaker is Mrs. Tiffany Horton, Director of Global Outreach at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Tiffany and several UMW-B students recently returned from a trip to India, a country where UMW began missionary work in the 1800s. Ray Martin will present special music. A FUMC member will be recognized for outstanding contributions over the years to this church with a Special Mission Award. Please attend.



Harvest Festival News

Bake Sale & Craft Sale

A Bake Sale and Craft Sale, chaired by Eugene and Linda Shirley, will be held in the Banquet Room at our Harvest Festival November 2. Donations of cakes, pies, cookies, candy, breads, homemade canned goods, and crafts may be brought to the Banquet Room Friday, November 1. There is always a special need for cakes and pies. Please contribute.

Gift Baskets

Gift baskets for the November 2 Harvest Festival will be displayed in the church foyer beginning Sunday, October 6. Groups and individuals are invited to donate gift baskets for the event. Please include a card listing the items in your basket. Ann Miller and her committee will chair the activity. Proceeds benefit area missions.

Silent Auction

A silent auction will be included at our Harvest Festival November 2. The congregation is encouraged to donate special items by bringing those items to the Family Life Center at 8 a.m. Friday, November 1. Items may also be brought to the workroom a day or two earlier. These items along with business donations and gift cards will be displayed. Business donations and gift cards will be chaired by Gaye Sadler and her committee.

Garage Sale

The garage sale for the Harvest Festival will begin receiving donations in October. The garage will be open between worship services on Sundays beginning October 6 and on Wednesdays from 4 – 5:30 p.m. beginning October 2. Please leave clothes on hangers (not in bags or boxes). Clothes hangers are available from Bealls's Dept. Store. Please do not donate large, heavy televisions. Donations include items such as clothes, shoes, luggage, household items, furniture, working appliances, linens, toys, and art work. Volunteers are needed to help with displays on Wednesdays and at the Harvest Festival. The garage can also be opened at other times by calling Ken and Velva Riddle at 254-865-6056.

CAFÉ Upcoming Events

September 19: 6pm Game Night at Dairy Queen

September 27: Leave at 4pm, eat at Cracker Barrel in Temple (self pay), head to Cedar Valley Baptist Church in Salado for gospel music singing. Cost is \$10. Deadline to sign up and pay is September 19th.

October 6: Leave at 11:45am, eating at Johnnie's Café, and then head to Clifton to see the play 'Dead to the Last Drop' - a hilarious mystery with audience participation.

Cost is \$25 and will include meal. Deadline for sign up and pay is September 20th.

October 17: 6pm Game Night at Dairy Queen

If you have any questions please call Ruth Jones 254-865-2112.



Christian Adult Fellowship Event



UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

The United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room. The program, "What the Bible Has to Say About Money," will be presented by Elizabeth Thomas. Hostesses are Doris Nichols and Debbie Martin. All women of the church are invited to attend.



SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Office Closed	3 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	4 6:00 Choir 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 AA	5 SPRC Training in Temple 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	6 6:30 AA	7
8 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship Confirmation Class meeting with parents following 10:30 service 4:00 Oaks	9 6:30 AA	10 4:30 Women's Bible Study in Parlor 5:30 UMW in BR	11 6:00 Choir 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 AA	12 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	13 3-5pm Free Treats 6:30 AA	14
15 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship 5:30 Community Revival	16 6:30 AA 5:30 Community Revival	17 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC 5:30 Community Revival	18 5:30 Wednesday Word 5:30 Community Revival 6:00 Choir 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 AA	19 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC 6:00pm Game Night at DQ	20 6:30 AA	21
22 UMW Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship	23 6:30 Harvest Festival planning meeting in BR 6:30 AA	24 Private Event in BR 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	25 5:30 Wednesday Word 6:00 Choir 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study 6:30 AA	26 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	27 CAFÉ Cedar Valley Baptist Church 6:30 AA	28 Private Event in BR
29 Youth will be doing both Worship Services 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship Master Singers Concert	30 6:30 SPRC Meeting 6:30 AA					