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# First United Methodist Church of Gatesville

## SPOTLIGHT September 2020

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

### FROM STEPHEN'S STUDY

It is hard to believe that summer is almost gone, and fall is right around the corner. It is also difficult to believe that we have been dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic for six months now. There does not appear to be an end in sight anytime soon. We are all tired of this and ready for it to just go away. These days our lives are filled with uncertainty and all kinds of questions about what the future holds.

Karen and I have experienced our share of uncertainty and anxiety lately. She called me from school last week to inform me that she and the whole team she was teaching with were being sent home on COVID leave after being directly exposed to someone who tested positive for the virus. We got tested right away and were relieved when we received word that the test results were negative. There is, of course, still a possibility that Karen could get it, but for now, we are both fine. I will continue to quarantine with her and work from home so that we will not risk exposing anyone else. We will return to work on September 3.

The news of Karen's exposure has served to heighten our anxiety and our awareness. It also added to our uncertainty about the future. We were both afraid that we might get the virus in the beginning, but, so far, we are fine. Fear and uncertainty can cripple us and paralyze us if we let it. Fear moves us **Far** from comfort, **escalates** our anxiety, causes us to **agonize** over delusions, and **reinforces** our neurosis. Much of the fear we experience is irrational and unnecessary, especially for a Christian. You see, the scriptures remind us again and again to not be afraid and put our trust in God during difficult times.

Isaiah 41:10 contains a powerful promise of God for those of us who are afraid. God reminds the people of Israel and us, "Do not fear, because I am with you; I will strengthen you, I will surely help you, I will uphold you in my righteous, strong hand." With God on our side, we never have to be afraid. Instead of being paralyzed by our fear and uncertainty, we must place our faith and trust in God who is always with us, will always protect us, and always help us in difficult times. Faith helps us conquer fear every time.

Yours in Christ's service,  
Stephen



### Sunday School

K-3rd

Jane Harvey

4-6th

Jennifer Boyd

### FALL 2020

#### Unit 1: Genesis – Beginnings

Sept. 06- Creation; Genesis 1:1-25

Sept. 13- Abraham and Sarah; Genesis 12:1-9;  
15:1-6

Sept. 20- Abraham and Lot; Genesis 13:1-12

Sept. 27- The Birth of Isaac; Genesis 18:1-15,  
21:1-7



### K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Jane Harvey & Linda Klontz

The Case For Christ For Kids

Sept.16- The Case of the Promised Baby

Sept.23- The Case of the Voice from Heaven

Sept.30- The Case of the Eyewitnesses

# SEPTEMBER LITURGISTS

<b>Sept 6</b> 8:30 A. Daze 10:30 W. Wall	<b>Sept 13</b> 8:30 V. Riddle 10:30 R. Sweazea	<b>Sept 20</b> 8:30 R. Jones 10:30 W. Wall	<b>Sept 27</b> 8:30 L. Klontz 10:30 Blankemeyer
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## PRAYER CONCERNS

Ollie Loggins  
Beverly Logan  
Connie Jones  
John McClure  
Emily Young

Shelly (Hughes) Friederich  
Jane Majusiak  
Randy Thomas  
Helen Theaker  
Kara Butler  
Emily Veiga  
Michelle Henry

Nellie Sheldon  
Carson Necessary  
Ray Martin  
Kyle Strmiska  
Stephen Schmidt

## Memorials

### MH Shepherd

Melinda Ivy  
Billy Barton  
Bob & Cathi Self  
Anne Ramminger  
Carol Smith  
Linda Lovelace

### Johnny Wagner

Anne Ramminger  
Melinda Ivy

### Peggy Hosek

Ken & Velva Riddle  
Anne Ramminger  
DeDe & Dina Powell  
Melinda Ivy

### Joe Shirley

Robert Brown

## Get Wells

### Ray Martin

Ken & Velva Riddle

### Carson Necessary

Ken & Velva Riddle

## September BIRTHDAYS

1 Zoe Gribble	17 Elizabeth Brown
2 Florene Dorsey	18 Grace Dallimore
3 Jim Gardner	19 Shirleen Chandler
3 Linda Klontz	19 Trisha Farrell
3 Ollie Loggins	20 Kayla Sellers
5 William Ayers	21 Robert Brown
5 Kinlee Gardner	21 Kinsey Gardner
5 Tanner Gonzales	23 Jack Maxwell
7 Allyson Lovelace	23 Casey Wood
7 Eli Martin	24 James Westbrook
9 Dylan Pruitt	25 Charles Ament
9 Beverly Ward	25 Roy Hayes
10 Brendan Sellers	25 Jim Klontz
11 Wacey Corley	26 Johnny Westbrook
11 Kay Smiley	27 Betsy Traylor
13 Linda Farrell	28 Ricky Lovelace
13 Norma Phillips	29 Alex Longoria
13 Annie Puglisi	30 Christopher Ward
14 Jenifer Scott	
15 Kyler Smith	
16 Jennifer Boyd	

## NEW Wednesday Word Guidelines:

- Masks Required
- Sanitizing station available at the front doors
- Social Distancing before, during and after the meal, classes and any other activities.
- Only cooking teams will be permitted in the kitchen.
- Food will be served by calling individual tables up to the kitchen window—no lines will be formed— and will be served by kitchen staff and not buffet style.

### Starting September 16th:

5:30 pm—Meal

6 pm—Children, Youth & Adult classes

6 pm—Prayer & Bible Study

6:15 pm—Choir



# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	<b>4</b> 6:30 AA	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship	<b>7</b> OFFICE CLOSED 6:30 AA	<b>8</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	<b>9</b> 6:15 Choir	<b>10</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	<b>11</b> 6:30 AA	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship  Grandparents Day—snow cones under the carport after worship	<b>14</b> 6:30 AA	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 5:30 Wednesday Word 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study 6:15 Choir	<b>17</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC  Military Training Exercise in Garage	<b>18</b> 6:30 AA	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship  6:00 Master Singers Concert in Sanctuary	<b>21</b> 6:30 AA	<b>22</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	<b>23</b> 5:30 Wednesday Word 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study 6:15 Choir	<b>24</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	<b>25</b> 6:30 AA	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> UMW Sunday 8:30 Worship 9:30 SS 10:30 Worship	<b>28</b> 6:30 AA	<b>29</b> 5:30-6:30 Karate Class in FLC	<b>30</b> 5:30 Wednesday Word 6:00 Prayer and Bible Study 6:15 Choir			

The United Methodist Women will meet Tuesday, September 8 at 5:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room. The program “United Women for Change — 150 Years in Mission” will be presented by Shirleen Chandler. Hostesses are Doris Nichols and Debbie Martin. All women are invited to attend.

Sunday, September 27, United Methodist Women’s Sunday will be observed. A Special Mission Recognition will be awarded to a member of this church in appreciation for the many years of service to FUMC. Special music will be presented by Charles Ament, our church musician. The speakers for the service are Velva Riddle at the 8:30 a.m. service and Sara Hardy Hudson at the 10:30a.m. service. UMW members will assist with the service. Church Family please attend.

**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>:** Grandparents Day stop by after church under the carport for a snow cone!