

September 2016

SEPTEMBER CARILLON

A Message from Pastor Margot

Dear sisters & brothers in Christ: Can you believe it? Summer is fast becoming *the* past, and I'm encouraged about our future! We spent many weeks this summer in conversation about how Scripture is our compass on Sundays in worship; we spent many weeks in book study on Tuesday nights by reading 3 books together; we enjoyed Bible study, worship, and Eucharist in the style of *Taize* on Wednesday mornings, and church leaders in education and missions have been planning for the fall...a new year...a new start...new places...new faces. All of this is encouraging, and I am so pleased to be with you during this exciting time at FUMC. You know who your church leaders are (in every Sunday bulletin, so give them your thanks).

So here's what's happening:

Blessing the Backpacks on Sunday, September 4, 10:45. Parents: Please have your children bring their backpacks so that we can all pray for the start of the year together!

Sunday classes Fall Kick-off is Sunday, September 11. Children & Youth will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for continental breakfast; all age-groups will meet in their respective rooms for conversation & study, 9:45-10:30 a.m. **We will also have Teacher Dedication on this Sunday.** Soon, a whole host of Sunday teachers will emerge...teaching our children is a very important role, and we must thank them.

Adult groups will begin at 9:30 in their respective classrooms--three from which to choose:

JoEtta Biggerstaff & Rick Graff will meet in the North Portico (adjacent to the sanctuary). The class will begin this year with Reuben Job's *Three Simple Rules*. All ages are welcome.

Rocky Hamman will facilitate an Adult Bible Studies group, taking an in-depth look at scripture and its application to our lives today. This group meets in the Parlor; all ages are welcome.

Matthew Hamman and I will facilitate a look into the Old & New Testaments, side-by-side, with assistance of well-known biblical scholars, via DVD. The new group will meet in the Conference Room; all are welcome.

The HOME Team (hospitality, outreach, marketing, evangelism) gets going on Sunday, September 11. Their hospitality efforts have resulted in coordinating weekly greeters who welcome everyone, coordinate acolytes, and provide gifts and follow-up of FUMC guests.

Third Grade Bibles will be dedicated on Sunday, September 18, 10:45 a.m. Please be in prayer for these third-graders and their spiritual development.

The Finance Committee has been in discussion about a pledge campaign that will begin on October 16 with testimonies, preaching, and a book study, *Extravagant Generosity* by Bishop Robert Schnase, in adult classes. A pledge Sunday is scheduled for November 20. Members will be invited to join in a coordinated time of prayer and increase in giving as well as be encouraged to give online so that a regular commitment is realized. More to come...

In the church office: I want to shout-out kudos to Susan Horak who has been diligently making our membership database a more accurate and truer picture of who we are as a community of faith. Thank her when you see her. Becki Schulz has done an outstanding job at getting "our house in order" by assessing and re-assessing our financial records and reports. I'm amazed and thankful for her expertise and gifts in this area. Thank her as well. Mike Drewett, Linda Collins, Cathy Kunz and Roy Schulz continue their commitments as well in cooperation with their chair, Paul Gordon...counting your contributions, keeping records of memorials, and sending out acknowledgements.

Welcome Raul Flores and Maria to the team who keep our facility looking great, and don't forget the guys and gals who are here at the church keeping the grounds well-maintained, cleaning out classrooms, workrooms, the library and kitchen. Thank you (I'll leave someone out if I start mentioning names...this group has been committed to these longer than I even know about...so you'll know who I'm talking about).

So, be encouraged with me...so much to praise God about...individually and corporately. Let us now move forward in our mission as partners with God in the transformation of the world for we are not alone. God is with us! Thanks be to God...Amen!

Can't wait to see you in worship! Margot

BEYOND OUR BORDERS

Brookwood Community Sunday Servers

On Sunday, August 14, Gloria Nordeen, Debbie Hamman, and Jackie Condra joined the residents at Brookwood Community in Brookshire, TX, during their worship service. Special worship leaders were the coaches and football players from the Houston Baptist University football team. From sharing Bible stories to cheering for Jesus – an exciting time was had by all! Plans are already underway for our next opportunity to serve at Brookwood! We hope you can join us!



Next Scheduled Meeting for Outreach and Mission Team: Monday, Sept. 5 at 6:30.
We'll meet in the classroom next to Methodist Child Care. See you then!



ECISD Bus Driver Breakfast

The Outreach & Missions Team served breakfast to our bus drivers on the first day of school, Aug. 24. The bus drivers enjoyed a breakfast of donuts, fruit, banana loaf, nutrition bars, juice and coffee after their morning run. A cross key chain with a card from FUMC was given to each bus driver wishing them the best for this upcoming school year.





We had a wonderful time at Manna Meals Monday night, Aug. 22! Praise God ... Our FUMC team served enchilada casserole, pinto beans, corn, chips/crackers, and desserts to 76 grateful guests. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the enchilada casserole.

If you haven't been to Manna Meals, you don't know what you're missing! You are ALL INVITED to join us in this ministry to our community ... our next time to serve will be MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th ... take joy in serving with us.

McCurdy Mission Trip

From Pastor Margot

Two Kansas youth groups, their chaperones, and Pastors Margot and Ken spent a few summer days in cooler climates...Española, New Mexico, at the McCurdy School, a UMC missions destination for decades. Classrooms were painted, trophy cabinets cleaned, floors mopped and waxed, sheds cleaned, lawns tidied up, office work for secretaries and teachers accomplished and dorms prepared for school the following week. Start planning your service there in 2017. They will always use more hands, and you come away being changed!

Thanks to Pastors Margot and Ken for representing FUMC at McCurdy School!





On September 30-October 1 FUMC will be having a church-wide garage sale in the Fellowship Hall. This garage sale will be hosted by the Outreach Ministry team and all proceeds will benefit outreach and mission needs in 2016! You can help by donating gently used items – furniture, tools, kitchen utensils, electronics etc. Please make sure these items are in good condition (if electronics make sure the item works)! You can store your items on the stage behind the curtains. The items will be priced by the garage sale team. Also if you would like to help with setting up, pricing, or being present during the sale, or for more information, please contact Debbie Ramsey, garage sale coordinator at (361) 920-0201. The garage sale will be held Friday, September 30 from 4:00 – 6:00 and Saturday, October 1 from 8:00 – 1:00.

Remember Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (ESV)





Dear Members and Friends of FUMC,

Thank you so very much for the nice luncheon for Pat and myself on Sunday, August 7th after church. I have been truly blessed to be able to help here at my home church and work with my spiritual family.

Your thoughts, prayers and gifts have been so appreciated during this past year with all my surgeries and the issues with my concussion.

I feel that I am on the mend and have finished my survey of doctors and hospitals for awhile!!

God bless all of you.

Gratefully,
Allen Hurst

You Can't Help But Notice the Striping on the Parking Lot!

It was a hot day except that Eagle Scout Robert Sosa was committed to completing his project by partnering with FUMC Trustee Chair Robert Grove, several FUMC members, and three boy scouts all under the leadership of Allen Collins, Boy Scout Leader, to get the parking lot striped. We know this was a huge effort, and we are thankful!

We are pleased that the Boy Scouts will continue to meet at FUMC, and we welcome them to the FUMC campus for another year filled with purpose and intent. We pray that the efforts of the leader and parents will help to shape the minds and hearts of the youth so that they can become contributors to making the community and places where they will go more just and peaceful. The Scouts will begin meeting in the Conference Room on September 12. Please note this change of meeting. Pastor Margot

Information for the month of September

Flowers

September 4-
 September 11-
 September 18- Gloria & Johnnie Nordeen
 September 25- Dawn & Brett Nordeen

Liturgist: Leslie Harris

Communion Servers:
 Marsha & Kenny Frels



MEMORIALS

Given in memory of Clara Lilie:
 Lorraine & J.E. Clayton
 Dolores & Bill Rowland
 Linda & John Collins

Given in memory of Julia Saucedo:
 Linda & John Collins

Given in memory of Nelda Muns:
 Lorraine & J.E. Clayton
 Linda & John Collins
 Pastor Margot Perez-Greene
 Denise & Craig Mertzner
 Grace Glaze
 Linda & Jim Elliott
 Cathy & David Kunz
 Charlene & Charles Petersen
 Pat & Bill Sanders
 Beverly Crawford
 Diane & Michael Thigpen

Birthdays

Katie Hamman	1	Ricky Gonser	14
Melissa Lilie	1	Cade Graff	14
Judy Romig	1	Bailey York	15
Vickie Berndt	2	P.J. Herrmann Jr	16
Chris Elliott	2	Brian Hodges	17
Mackenzie Harfst	3	Michael Drewett	18
Judson Severson	3	Shree Roddy	18
Dalton Alexander	4	Lancel King	19
Brittany Janak	4	Caroline York	19
Cleo Reed	5	Blake Biggerstaff	20
Steven Martin	6	Taylor Vaclavick	20
Mark Lilie	7	Tammy Gray Hill	21
Maxine Allen	11	Eric Stovall	23
Amanda Hurst	11	Kara King	24
Terry McMahan	12	Brian Seymour	25
Mason Sabrsula	12	John Nordeen	26
Rick Graff	13	Anthony Cortez	27
James Slattery	13	Grady Hansen	29
		Ruby Parker	29





September 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm- Outreach Ministry Team	6 5:30pm- Girl Scouts	7 9:15am- Child Care Chapel 10:30am- Ministerial Alliance mtg 3pm- Pastor serving Holy Communion at Garden Villa	8	9	10 8am- Trustees Workday 9:30-noon- General Annual Meeting; Hosted by Gonzalez UMC 5:30pm-9pm- Created by God class
11 Sunday Classes Kickoff Children & Youth ministries Committee after 10:45 worship HOME meeting after 10:45 worship Noon-6:30pm- Created by God class	12 Campus Ministry Meeting 5pm- Wandering Angels 6:45pm- Boy Scouts	13 Campus Ministry Meeting 10am- Meridian Worship	14 Campus Ministry Meeting	15	16	17
18	19 5pm- Wandering Angels 6:45pm- Boy Scouts 7pm- Trustees Meeting	20 5:30- Girl Scouts 6pm- Finance mtg 7pm- Admin Council mtg	21 9:15am- Child Care Chapel	22	23	24
25	26 5pm- Wandering Angels 6:45pm- Boy Scouts Manna Meals Newsletter Deadline	27 6pm- Child Care Board Mtg	28 9:15am- Child Care Chapel	29 Life Line Screening	30 4-6- Garage Sale	Notes: Oct. 1- Garage sale 8am-???

