

Upcoming EVENTS



Early Communion
Sundays—9:00 am
In the Chapel

Except on the First Sundays when communion is held during the morning worship service.

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP

FAITH. FOOD. FUN.

5:15 p.m. Dinner—Sandwiches
5:45—Children's Hand Chimes
6:00—Children's Bible Stories
6:00—Adult Bible Study:
"Animate Faith"
7:00—Choir Practice



Our Central Texas Conference of the UMC will be baking cookies to be sent to our troops over the Christmas season.

Cheryl Hancock will again head up our local drive here at FUMC. Please let her know if you can bake cookies and how many. Packing will be on Saturday, Dec. 15 at 9:00 a.m.



First Baptist Church
Thursday
Dec. 6— 6:30 a.m.

Packs of Kindness

Collecting for December:

Individual Main Dish Items



Christmas Gifts for the Nursing Home

The Women of Agape are heading up a campaign to provide gift bags to nursing home residents who are members of our congregation and/or don't have any family to provide for them. They are making 20 gift bags. Items needed are gloves, body spray, sleeper socks, scarves, and Kleenex.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer



Current Stephen Ministers meet
Monday, Dec. 3
6:00 p.m.—Board Room

Stephen Ministers in our congregation are available to provide care to people who are hurting and going through tough times in their lives.

Please call Donna Williford (254-625-0494) or Pam Crider (254-625-2994) if you need help.

Christmas Card Box

The Christmas Card Box will again be available in the foyer of the church for you to send Christmas cards to members of our church family. Don't forget to check the box each Sunday for new cards!!

First United Methodist Church



Ministers: Every Member
Pastor: Rev. Jenn Pick
Associate Pastor: Maurine Day
Organist: Linda Fox
Music Director: Sunday Crider
Preschool Director: Sherry Miller
Children's Director: Erica Ricoy
Administrative Assistant: Carol Ann Dawley
Maintenance: Juan Avila

Church Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9 to 12 and 1 to 4
Closed Fridays

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First United Methodist Church

Mexia, Texas

December 2, 2018





Welcome to Worship



We Gather

Greeting & Announcements

A Moment of Silence for Worship Preparation

Prelude and Bringing in the Light of Christ

Linda Fox

*Call to Worship

Pastor Jenn

L: Not to one, but to heaven and earth—to all creatures—you have called:

P: "Come on the dancing winds,

L: Come from the deepest forests,

P: Come from the highest places,

L: Come from distant lands,

P: Come from the edge of darkness,

L: Come from the depth of fear,

P: Come from the four corners of the earth,

L: Come! And become the bearer of God!"

P: Come, Emmanuel—God with us!

*Opening Hymn

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

UMH 196

Preparing A Holy Space

LESSON: Isaiah 41:17, 19-20

Deborah Rawls

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 1-2)

UMH 211

The Significance of the Greens and Holly

Pastor Maurine

The Significance of the Wreath

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 3 and 4)

UMH 211

The Significance of the Christmas Tree

The Miller Family

The Significance of the Advent Wreath & Lighting the Candle of Hope

Let us pray together:

Thank you for the hope you give us, Light of the World.

By your presence, illuminate the past, that we might learn from it with love. Illumine our future, that we might prepare for it in hope. Shine in our lives, Light of Love, that we may find the compassion and hope to bring your light into the world. Amen.

HYMN: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (verses 6 and 7)

UMH 211

(during the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to come and put Chrismons on the tree)

Children's Time

Pastor Jenn

We Pray to God

Pastoral Prayer and Church Concerns

Pastor Maurine

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses**

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, from evil,
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

We Respond to God

Offering

Message in Song

My World Needs You

Choir

*Doxology

Praise God From Who All Blessing Flow

UMH 94

We Hear the Word

*Gospel Lesson

Mark 13: 24-37

Pastor Jenn

Sermon

Let Heaven and Nature Sing: Earth

Pastor Jenn

Holy Communion

Invitation to Christian Response and Witness

As we sing, an invitation is extended to all who desire membership in this church on Profession of Faith or by transfer of membership from another church. During the singing of the hymn, please come to the altar and be warmly greeted by the pastor and congregation.

We Are Sent Into the World

*Closing Hymn

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming
(v. 1 & 3)

UMH 216

*Sending Forth and Carrying the Light into the World

Postlude

Linda Fox

*All those who are able are invited to stand.



Cheryl Karkheck
Ruby Bailey
Jack Forrest
Ann Withrow
Jamie Love
Family of Bill Sims
Jim Vance
Billie Gene Smith
Gilbert Reyes
Walt Harrison
JW McKeand
Gary Beard
Marlene Bottoms Land
Dale Bottoms
Bobby Beene
Donna Dawley
Theresa Hutchinson

Lula Goswick
Jeanette McFarlin
Jerry Beaty
Jerry Hathaway
Bill McCullough
Virginia Haygood
Tracy Hancock
Wayne and Margaret Jackson
Yvonne Fortson
Barrett Campbell
Patsy Henry
Family of Christy Jackson
Jennifer Stubbs
Jan Masso
Karen Ward
Asa Burgess
Paula Brooks

Names will remain on this list for 30 days unless otherwise requested to be listed for a longer period of time.

Nursing Home Residents

Mexia LTC

Kathleen Flowers
Dorothy Vinson
Wayne Jackson
Ruby Bailey
Selma McClure

Skilled Care of Mexia

Sonia Kendall
Lula Goswick

Crestview Healthcare Rehab, Waco
Delilah Jones

Groesbeck LTC

Starlene Yelverton
Thelma Bolton
Betty Fox Killingsworth
Sue Franks

At Home

Joe and Nancy Bounds

Thank You for Supporting God's Church

General Offering Nov. 25 - \$1,473.50

Weekly Need \$3,878.00

Designated Offering - \$183.00

Worship Attendance Last Week—61

Early Communion—6

Lay Readers

Dec. 9 - Michael Miller

Dec. 16—George Tidwell

Head Usher: Buddy Williford

Ushers: Mike Lang, Don Walker, Paul Barker, Gilbert Reyes

Offering Counters: Jake Cherry and Jill Flatt

Sound & Video: James McKeand