



FUMC NEWS

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* Ministries Calendar*

BBQ FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 19th

11am-1pm

Dine in or Take out

Tickets for a 2-meat **BRISKET AND SAUSAGE** plate with **BEANS, POTATO SALAD, BREAD** and Judy Eaddy's delicious secret BBQ sauce are **\$10.00** each. **Children under 10 years can eat for \$5.00 per plate.** Serving hours will be **11am-1pm...dine in or take out.** The event is a fundraiser for the United Methodist Women's and Men's groups in our church. Proceeds will go towards the many charities and needs in our church and community.

Ticket sales have been brisk. **The number of tickets is limited, so be sure to get yours from any UMW or UMM member.** Tickets will be available on the day of the event (if all have not been pre-sold.)

It's not too late to participate in cost sharing with an invitation to become a **Barnyard Patron** by donating \$25.00 to sponsor a brisket (**MOO**) or box of sausage (**OINK**). Donations have been very good, and we thank those who have participated. There are still a few **MOOS** and a couple of **OINKS** available for sponsorship. Patron names will be prominently displayed on the day of the event. To be a Patron, see Judy or Tex Eaddy, Rick Maxwell, Francis Davidson or Lisa Garner in the church office.

Mother's Day Out is Adding Second Day a Week

Our Mother's Day Out has grown and will start being open two mornings a week, on Tuesdays & Thursdays, from 8:30am-12:30pm. The first Tuesday that they will be open will be October 8th. You may pick up a registration form in the Church Office.


If you have questions, Dez McElwee is our MDO Director, 210-744-1978.

* Church Ministry Needs *

OPERATION CHRISTMAS LOVE

In **October** we are collecting **Small Cars, Trucks, Dolls & Jump Ropes** for kids along the border. We need 250 or more by October 31st.

In July we collected balls; in August paper notebooks, crayons, markers, and coloring books; and in September we collected stuffed animals.



Thank You to
EVERYONE who has
been bringing items for
Operation Christmas
Love. Please, keep it up!



SALVATION ARMY

Salvation Army helps people in emergency situations, like preventing having one of their utilities disconnected. There are lots of rules and regulations that we follow to be able to help those who really need it the most. The money comes from bell ringing. **All the money from bell ringing here, stays here.** The only money that doesn't go to assist the needy in our area pays for bells, candy canes, PO box rental and checks.

Salvation Army's operating year is from Oct 1 to Sept 30. Through September 23 of this year, we have already given out \$23,039.76 in benevolences. Last Christmas season's bell ringing brought in a record breaking \$21,201.08, but as you can see by the numbers, even more is needed to keep pace with those struggling to hold on.

So, it is VERY IMPORTANT that every day possible is filled with bell ringers at every location possible. Devine has three locations where the bell is rung: Walmart, Valley Mart, and Food King. We can ring every day, except Sundays, between November 29 and December 24th.

Our Church is tentatively ringing Saturdays: Dec 7th, 14th, & 21st at Walmart. Please mark your calendar for these dates and plan on taking a one hour slot.

When you ring the bell, engage the people walking by. Let them know all the money stays right here. It's lots of fun and it helps a lot of needy people.

If you are part of a **club, business, Bible Study, volunteer group, etc., it would be fantastic if you could get that group of people to ring the bell.** You can sign up a group for a 4-8 hour block, or multiple days, by contacting Cliff Redus, 830-931-1280 or email cliffordredus@sbcglobal.net.



* **United Methodist Women/Food Fair** *



United
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Women
FAITH · HOPE · LOVE IN ACTION

United Methodist Women

The United Methodist Women met Sunday, September 15th with 17 ladies attending. Two ladies attended for the first time. After a delicious meal and great fellowship we had our business meeting.

Joyce Bennett presented the program on persistent women. An example is the parable of the widow who argued down a judge and succeeded. The program was very uplifting. Thank you Joyce!

During the meeting we voted to replace the roasters in the church kitchen.

Our joint barbeque fundraiser with the UMM is coming up on October 19th. Many thanks go out to those who have supported us with the Moo and Oink campaign. Please support us by buying the barbeque plates. Plates are \$10.00 each and \$5.00 for children 10 years and younger. Funds go to support the needs of the church and the community.

At the Food Fair in September we gave out food to 128 families. Those numbers are up from the past several months. Thank you to all who come and help with the food distribution. We could not do this without you.

The UMW will meet again Sunday, October 20th after the 11:00am service. All ladies attending church are welcome to our covered dish luncheon and meeting. The nursery will be available.

Here are the dates of the remaining 2019 Food Fair schedule:

Thursday, October 3

Thursday, November 7

Thursday, December 5

We always have food distributions on Thursdays, usually the first Thursday, because that is the only day we can get an early delivery from the SA Food Bank. If you are volunteering, we ask that you be at the church by 8:00am. The food truck has been arriving between 7:30 and 8:30am.

Blessings,

Judy Eaddy, President

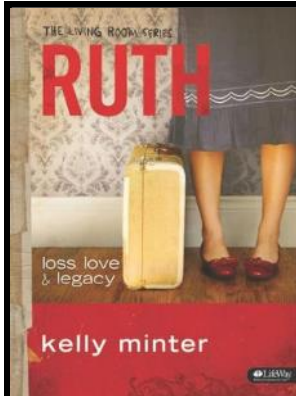
Philippians 4:13

Food Fair October 3rd at 8am

The next Food Fair is scheduled for Thursday, October 3rd at 8:00am. This is a very needed ministry in our community. Volunteers are needed at 8:00am and are always appreciated.



* Women's Bible Studies *



Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study

9:00-11:00 am in the Asbury Room

Please join us anytime.

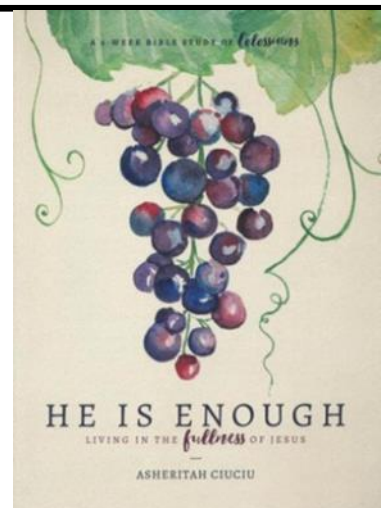
In October, date to be announced later, we will begin the study of *Ruth: Loss, Love, and Legacy* by Kelly Minter.

The Book of Ruth is a short, four chapter narrative that wraps together the human experience of loss, love, and legacy with the divine hope and sovereignty of a redeeming God. From its pages steps a wayfaring foreigner into the town of Bethlehem, amidst hardship and famine and tragedy, affecting the course of human history forever.

Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study

9:00-11:00 am in the Asbury Room

He is Enough: Living in the Fullness of Jesus
by Asheritah CiuCiu



Discover the joy and freedom that you can have when you come to know deep in your heart that Jesus really is *enough*. *He Is Enough: Living in the Fullness of Jesus* is a 6-week study for women on the book of Colossians. Each day's study consists of three parts: a bite-size morsel of truth, a dig-deep guide, and a service challenge. Because of the three levels of study, this study can be done by women in all stages of spiritual maturity.

Any questions, please contact
Nan Gengler at 210-313-5174

* United Methodist Men/Men's Bible Study *



United Methodist Men

The UMM met on September 4, 2019 with 11 men in attendance. They were treated to an excellent meal of BBQ ribs, brisket, sausage & beans prepared by Rick Maxwell, Tex Eaddy, Lewis Stroud and George Wall. What a feed! The UMM men don't eat this well at every meeting, but there is always plenty of good

“guy” food for everyone. The men of FUMC-UMM **do** know how to eat.

Rick Maxwell presented a devotional on his personal experience in trusting God and the power of prayer. It was a powerful testimony.

The men made a list of definite giving objectives for 2020. It includes funding of college scholarships for deserving seniors at FUMC and in the greater community. Giving objectives also include supporting youth activities and programs at FUMC. Other objectives include support for our Wesley Nurse programs and many charities in the larger community. UMM is able to offer this financial support because of donations from the congregation and fundraising efforts of UMW and UMM groups at FUMC.

The men continue to supply time, talent and financial support for various projects around the FUMC campus. Plans for a Fall BBQ Fundraiser on October 19th are complete. This will be a joint effort between United Methodist Women and United Methodist Men.

The next UMM meeting will be on Wednesday, October 2nd at 6:00 pm in the Asbury Room. All men of the church are invited to attend. There are no membership requirements and no dues. You will be treated to a fine meal prepared by men of the group and will be inspired by a devotional presented by a member of the host team. Best of all, is the fellowship with Christian men dedicated to doing God's work in church and community.

IRON SHARPENS IRON (Proverbs 27:17)

Men's Bible Study

Tuesday Evenings at 6:30pm

Our current study is on **The Life of David**
Led by Francis Davidson in Kevin Hicks' home

6:30-8:00pm Tuesdays

Men, please join us

For Address, Contact Kevin Hicks eight-three-zero-708-9293



*** Wesley Nurse News ***

Dear Devine Congregation and Community Members,

My work with the Devine South Texas Rural Health Clinic to provide Specialty Referral Services to those in need within our community continues to be successful. We have been able to provide specialty care to approximately half a dozen community members in need. This program will provide medical appointments with specialist to those who qualify, free of charge. If you or someone you know may need this service, please have them make an appointment with me for more information.

Currently, I am assisting in covering the Hondo WN position for already existing clients. That has added an additional 14 revolving clients to my schedule and requires me to spend some time during the week in the Hondo office. This is also the end of our fiscal year for MHM, so we have many meetings, trainings and events this time of year. Please be patient with me during this process as we fulfill our goal to serve those least served. Currently, I'm asking everyone to please call in advance, if you need to see or speak to me. If I am unavailable, please leave a message on my machine and I will get back to you as soon as I return to the office.

The Texas Diaper Bank and "My Healthy Child" class on September 4th went well. If you know of anyone who could use this assistance, please have them see me to register.

We have resumed a 12-session Grief Share course that is on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6-8pm. And we have scheduled two one-time classes for November and December. The one-time classes are Surviving the Holidays on Nov 13th and Loss of a Spouse on Dec 11th. Both of these classes will be offered at 10am and 6pm. Any one is welcome to join the classes any time during the Grief Share sessions. If you or someone you know could use this type of support please have them contact Dinah Argo, Kay Shultz, Rob Stolzman, Lisa or myself to register. Also, if this sounds like a ministry you would be interested in helping with, please contact me, Dinah or Lisa. Additional facilitators are always welcomed.

I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all who have and continue to donate to the WN fund. Continued support of the Wesley Nurse program has allowed the program to assist those in need with gas for doctors' appointments, diapers for families in need, and prescription assistance for meds not covered by other programs in the community, as well as ensure those in need are receiving quality healthcare through assistance with co-pays when able. We also have been able to increase our community's educational opportunities and provide various medical equipment and furniture to young families in need. If you feel led to support this program there is a Wesley Nurse Fund established for donations.

As always, if you would like to see a program, information, or event that you feel would benefit you or the community please contact me. You don't have to be a member in the Healthcare Ministry Team to partner with me in service to those in need in our community. Membership in this committee is appreciated, but not necessary for a one-time project or event. Thank you for continuing to provide your support, encouragement and assistance.

God Bless,

Georjean Burnell, MSN, RN

Wesley Nurse, Devine FUMC * Hours: M-F 8a-5p * 830-663-6108



*** Budget/Trustees ***

CHURCH'S BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>August Only</u>	<u>Jan - Aug</u>
<i>Operating Donations</i>	\$12,189	\$121,511
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	14,946	126,742
<i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i>	(2,758)	(5,231)
<i>Designated Gifts</i>	\$2,661	\$20,309

TRUSTEES CORNER



The Trustees met on September 9th. The parking lot pot holes have been filled. There is some discussion on total resurfacing later.

Praise God! It seems our smell issue in the Narthex may have been fixed. The men's bathroom is available.

There were some safety issues in the playground that have been addressed.

A large pest control project was done in the kitchen with thorough cleaning and spraying. Thanks to all who helped.

At the writing of this newsletter, there is still discussion about the annex renovation.



A future project that needs attention is the exterior gables, vents, window frames. They need a good sanding and paint.

Thank you to all who support and work on our facilities.

On behalf of the Trustees,
Serving to maintain God's house for God's people,
Mary Kay Dailey



*** A WORD OF GRACE***

“Orientation 101?”

When we begin a new job or enter college, or for many other new beginnings, we are required to attend an “orientation.” Many people hate orientation because they see it as boring and a waste of time. Others look forward to it, eagerly listening to what they need to know to be successful and to avoid mishaps. The truth is that those who see orientation as boring and a waste of time probably do so because they believe they already know all they need to know without it. It has been my experience that we have the same problem when it comes to preparing for our life in heaven. While many people eagerly seek the knowledge and preparation found in Scripture, others think they know all they need to know and see Bible study as unnecessary, boring and a waste of their time. Nothing could be further from the truth. From beginning to end the Bible teaches us that our orientation is critical—a matter of life and death.

The first book of the Bible is Genesis, which literally means “beginnings.” In the very first chapter of the Bible, describing the first day of creation, God says: **“Let there be light,”** and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and He separated the light from the darkness. God called the light “day,” and the darkness He called “night” (1:3-5a). What is interesting is that God doesn’t create the sun, moon and stars until the fourth day to provide light for the world and separate the day from the night. The truth be known, the meaning of the “light” and “darkness” that are separated on the first day involves much more than physical light and darkness. In John 8:12, Jesus says to us, **“I am the Light of the world”** and in Matthew 5:14 He instructs us to be the “light of the world.” Obviously, Jesus is not talking about physical light, but the light of God’s presence manifest in truth, faith and witness. Another interesting fact is that the meaning of “darkness” and “night” found in Genesis 1:4-5, actually infers a “twisting away from the light” or an absence of the “Light.” Now, we begin to understand that the knowledge of God’s Truth that is born in us through His Word, the Bible,

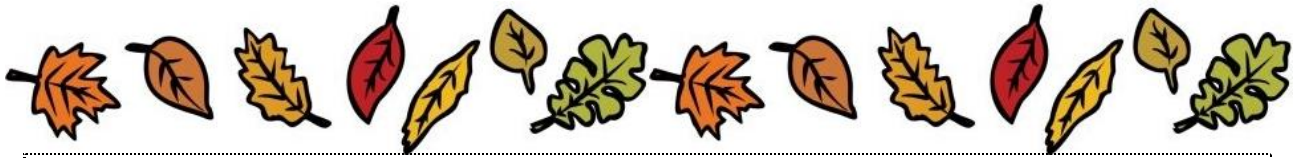
illuminates our lives and lights the way to heaven. If we think we know it all and fail to seek God’s Truth through God’s Word, we wander and stumble in the “darkness” of this world and fail to find the Way which is through Jesus Christ. We may think we know what we need, but we deceive ourselves or have been deceived by the powers of darkness that would have us be oriented “inward” to self rather than “outward” to God.

Orientation is everything when it comes to faith and salvation. The Bible teaches us that when we are self-oriented, thinking we know what’s best and prioritizing our needs above the needs of others, we are lost in darkness and doomed for destruction. But the Bible reassures those who are God-oriented and self-sacrificing, trusting in God’s revelation and putting the needs of others first, that they will be saved and receive a heavenly reward. They know that to serve Christ is to serve others, remembering Jesus’ words, saying, **“I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me”** (Matthew 25:40).

Jesus’ final words found in Revelation, the last book of the Bible, state: **“Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with Me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murders, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood [darkness]”** (Revelation 22:12-15).

All of us need to regularly reflect on our orientation. Is the orientation of our lives God seeking or self-serving? Are we living by our truth or God’s Truth as revealed in Scripture? The Bible is said to be our **“Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth.”** We all need to make sure we are properly oriented for eternity. God will help us by *lighting* the way.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Pastor Harold



* October Scripture Readings *

October Scripture Readings:

The following themes and Scripture readings are provided as a means to draw closer to God. They come from the Revised Common Lectionary, which groups Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel readings together for each Sunday in a three year cycle. Read them prayerfully listening for God's voice.

World Communion Sunday, October 6

Theme: The power of faith.

Lamentations 1:1-6

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 13

Theme: Gratitude is the proper response to God's gifts of life, salvation, and healing.

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalm 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17:11-19

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 20

Theme: Importance in persistence in seeking God's perfect will.

Jeremiah 31:27-34

Psalm 119:97-104

2 Timothy 3:14—5:5

Luke 18:1-8

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 27

Theme: The repentant are justified and the proud, self-justifying are not justified by God.

Joel 2:23-32

Psalm 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14



*** BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ***



Birthdays

OCTOBER



- Michelle Cashion
- Melody Riou
- Anita Ramirez
- Mike & Donna Eshleman🔔
- Mike Riou (son)
- Bernice Wiemers
- Coby & Stacy Pyron🔔
- Deborah Williams
- Kathleen Outlaw
- Cameron Lyle
- Fiona Lyle
- Jacob Cashion
- Stacy Pyron
- Amanda & Marcus Cummings🔔
- Harvey Squire
- Wendy Carr
- John Herring
- Mary Kay Dailey
- Sue Bates
- Amanda Cummings
- Jacob & Michelle Cashion🔔
- Deborah Strickler
- Andrew Leitch
- Caden Hurst



Offerings

**Rail Offering October 6
World Communion Sunday**

Give generously TODAY to support World Communion Sunday scholarships for graduate national and international students, ethnic scholarships for national and international under-graduates studying within the United States, and ethnic in-service training (non-degree). Your gift today enables Ethnic students to change the world.

**Noisy Offering October 20
Missionary Support**

We will support Intan Faradita, a Global Mission Fellow with the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries, engaged in a two-year term of service as a youth worker at Cambodia Holt Dream Center, a facility for children in Phnom Penh. She was commissioned Aug.2018.

Intan is from Sragen, Central Java, Indonesia, where she is a member of the Christian Javanese Church. Intan earned a degree in English language instruction from Satya Wacana Christian University, Salatiga, Central Java, and has taught elementary classes and arts and crafts at the Spa Solo Raya International School.

Intan found solace in God's presence from an early age, in part because she was bullied and lonely as a result of being overweight. Losing a boyfriend as a teenager made things worse. "God pulled me up and put me on a path where He would be my guide," she recalls. That path was one of serving others. She wonders about her capacity, but God reassures her. She hears God say, "Do your part; do what you can do. Leave the rest to me."

OCTOBER 2019



<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
Note: <u>SUNDAYS</u> Worship 9am & 11am Sunday School 10am	Note: <u>YOGA</u> 8:30am Mon- Thurs <u>WALKING</u> 9:00am Mon- Thurs	1 9am Women's Bible Study 6-8pm Grief Share 6:30pm Men's Bible Study at Hicks	2 9am Women's Bible Study 1pm Healthy Child Class 6pm UMM Men's Mtg. 7pm Choir	3 8am Food Truck Need Volunteers 4:30 pm Girl Scouts 6th-8th 6-8pm Grief Share 7pm Men's Emmaus 7:30pm AA Meeting	4	5
6 6:30pm Church Conference (everyone) Sanctuary	7 2pm Line Dancing 3:30pm Women's Emmaus 7pm Jubilee Singer	8 9am Women's Bible Study 1:30pm Health Team 6-8pm Grief Share 6:30pm Men's Bible Study at Hicks	9 9am Women's Bible Study 6pm WWW 7pm Choir	10 4:30 pm Girl Scouts K-12 6-8pm Grief Share 7:30pm AA Meeting	11	12
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20 Children's Sunday 12:00pm UMWomen Mtg. & Lunch 3:30pm Kids Go to Aquarium	21 2pm Line Dancing 3:30pm Women's Emmaus 6:30pm Ad. Board Mtg. 7pm Jubilee Singer	22 9am Women's Bible Study 6-8pm Grief Share 6:30pm Men's Bible Study at Hicks	23 9am Women's Bible Study 6pm WWW 7pm Choir	24 4:30 pm Girl Scouts K-12 6-8pm Grief Share 7:30pm AA Meeting	25	26
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