

FUMC NEWS

DEVINE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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* Food Fair/Help/Worship/Prayers *

Food Fair in Hondo Only

The San Antonio Food Bank is still not having individual Mobile Food Fairs for the time being. They have one county-wide food fair per month. The next one is on Tuesday, July 14th, at the Medina County Fairgrounds. The address is 733 FM 462, Hondo. They need 3 to 5 volunteers from our group who are not in the high-risk category. Please let Lisa know if you can volunteer, so she can give you more info. They will only have one food fair per month, per county. This one will feed 750 families, for the whole county. We average feeding 130 families at our food fairs. If you know anyone who needs food, please have them call the church office ASAP to pre-register 830-663-3185. Please pray for those who cannot travel there or can't get the food for any other reason.

Are you in Need of Something or Can you Help?

There are many people in need at this time. And there are many people who are going stir-crazy and would love to help. Tell Lisa if you need help or if you want to help and she will hook you up. The church number is 830-663-3185.

Ways to Watch Our Church Service

YouTube: [Devi ne Methodi st Church Worshi p](#)

FaceBook: Col by Cashi on (Castrovi l l e)

Websi te: devinefumc.com on each page or
under [Worship YouTube Videos](#)

Submit Prayer Requests

Sundays: message Clay on the Church's YouTube,
Or message Colby on his FaceBook

Weekdays: email fumcdevine@sbcglobal.net or call 830-663-3185

* MEN & WOMEN'S MINISTRIES *



United
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Women
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United Methodist Women

The UMW will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be August 16th. We would like all ladies of the church to attend. We will be making decisions and setting the budget for our fiscal year.

We do not know when we will be able to resume Food Fairs in our parking lot. There is still one Mass Food Distribution each month for Medina County held in Hondo at the Median County Fair Grounds. The next one is Tuesday, July 14th. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Lisa in the office, if you can volunteer, so she can let the San Antonio Food Bank know how many volunteers to expect. If you know of anyone who needs food, have them contact Lisa by phone to be preregistered, 830-663-3185.

Blessings,
Judy Eaddy

Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.



United Methodist Men

The UMM met on June 3rd. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 1st, at 6:00pm.

The Administrative Board has asked that the UMM take on more responsibilities for repairs around the church facilities. The UMM has decided to look at all jobs on a case-by-case basis, due to loss of members.

The UMM have decided to delay election of officers to fill vacancies until the first of year., when all officers will be elected.

IRON SHARPENS IRON (Proverbs 27:17)



*** TRUSTEES * BUDGET * CELEBRATION ***

TRUSTEES NEWS

The Trustees met on June 8th. Needs for the parsonage were discussed. Before Pastor Valli moved in, the parsonage interior was completely painted and a wall of unneeded shelves was removed. Thank you to Judy coordinating a group of ladies to thoroughly reclean the parsonage after the painting was done and supplying welcoming gifts for Pastor Valli.

The need to remove three dead trees was also discussed.

The next Trustees meeting will be on July 13th at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

CHURCH'S BUDGET SUMMARY

	<u>May</u>	<u>Jan - May</u>
<i>Operating Donations</i>	\$18,122	\$78,760
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	16,583	85,560
<i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i>	1,539	(6,800)
In May we also received \$33,580 in loans/grants to help us through the COVID19 crisis.		
<i>Designated Gifts</i>	\$1,168	\$9,534



Pastor Valli & Cindy Key Davis were best college buddies!



*** HAPPY BIRTHDAY EMM ***



*** WE LOVE YOU, EMM ***



* A WORD OF GRACE*



“I am then the true vine; my Father is the gardener...He prunes every branch of mine that does not produce fruit. He trims and cleans every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce even more fruit... Abide in me and I will abide in you.

I am the vine you are the branches. If you abide in me and I in you then, then you will produce much fruit. ...You should produce much fruit and now that you are my followers, this brings much glory to my Father. I loved you as the Father loved me. Now abide in my love. I have told you these things so that you have the same joy I have and that your joy will be the fullest possible joy.”

It only took the movers a little over an hour to completely unload everything in the parsonage and the office. Even though I stood surrounded by boxes and chaos, it felt good to begin this new ministry in Devine. Bill Sinclair greeted me with a warm smile, keys to everything, and words of welcome. There was a gift bag of goodies, a beautiful basket of fresh flowers and a card from the congregation welcoming me to the church. Later that evening Tex

and Judy Eaddy brought a tasty casserole of King Ranch Chicken and fixings. Kay Shultz, Lee Davis and Wendy Carr brought me a wonderful meal from Triple C. The parsonage had been freshly painted and cleaned and the yard was absolutely wonderful. The heartfelt welcome I received from Devine has really filled my heart with prayers of thanksgiving and gratitude.

Right now, my world is full of boxes, packing paper and tape and it is easy to become frustrated, disoriented. That is why I feel drawn to John 15 this week. I need to be reminded that I am connected to my Lord even, and maybe especially, when the world around me seems chaotic.

I am learning to deepen my trust and to abide in my Lord. Over the next few weeks I am going to do a whole lot of listening and learning about this beautiful congregation. It is during this time that we will begin to know each other. I look forward to working with you as we explore new paths of ministry. We are all connected to the one “True Vine”, and we are all tended to by Father.

I am humbled and thankful for this opportunity to serve as your pastor and to work alongside you here in Devine Tx.

Grace and Peace
Pastor Valli Blair



* JULY READINGS *

July 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.

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 5

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Psalm 45:10-17

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 12

Genesis 25:19-34

Psalm 119:105-112

Romans 8:11-11

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, July 19

Genesis 28:10-19a

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Romans 8:12-25

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, July 26

Genesis 29:15-28

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Welcome Pastor Valli

Dear Pastor Valli,

We are excited that you are here. We look forward to doing ministry with you and your leadership. Though it may be slow due to COVID-19, we are anxious to all get to know you.

May God bless you abundantly!

* Wesley Nurse News *

Dear Devine Congregation and Community Members,

I want to thank all of you as a congregation and a community for your efforts in working with me to help those most in need during our crisis. Together we have been able to continue to exemplify God's Grace and Love to those who need it most, despite these trying times. Throughout this event Lisa, our church secretary, has gone above and beyond to ensure that as many benevolence services as possible could continue to be provided. With the help of the Devine Area Hospice Thrift Store and several congregation and community members, prescription assistance has been able to continue. During this time I have discovered we can prevail with Christ's guidance, for that I thank all of you.

The Devine South Texas Rural Health Clinic continues to work with the Wesley Nurse program to provide Specialty Referral Services to those in need within our community. This program will continue to provide medical appointments with specialist to those who qualify. If you or someone you know may need this service, please have them call me for more information.

At this time, I will continue to assist in covering the Hondo WN position for already existing clients.

I'm asking everyone to please call if you need to speak to me. If I am unavailable, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, at this time I still do not have a firm date as to when MHM will allow for my return to the office, but do know that I continue to help as best as possible from home. Thank you for your understanding.

The Texas Diaper Bank and "My Healthy Child" class is ongoing through tele-education and social distancing delivery of supplies. If you know of anyone in need of this service, please have them call me and arrangements can be made. As with all other group gatherings and in person contact, once we can meet again the classes will resume. Our 13-week Grief Share sessions are on hold for now, but will resume when able. Dates and times are TBD. If you or someone you know could use this type of support, please have them contact Dinah Argo, Kay Shultz, 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.

AACOG has postponed all Texercise and Matter of Balance classes until at least the beginning of 2021.

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, increase our community's educational opportunities and provide various medical assistance. If you feel led to support this program there is a Wesley Nurse Fund established for donations.

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.

God Bless,

Georjean Burnell, MSN, RN - Devine FUMC, Wesley Nurse
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* **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES** ***JULY**

George & Martha Wall 📞
 Jason Hurst
 Kevin Hicks
 Holly & Debi Petty 📞
 Paul Gengler
 Emily Cashion
 Reese Cashion
 Laura Sinclair
 Deborah Nicholas
 Samson Hall
 Kay Shultz
 Nicholas Redus
 Donna Keown
 Rayna Crain
 Clay Patterson
 Francis Davidson
 Aiden Manning
 Stephen Redus
 Kay Kaiser
 Phillip Fitch
 Rob Stolzman
 Nadean Gutierrez
 Maverick Beaty
 Nancy Davidson
 Ethan Purchis
 Daisy Rihn
 Jack Bush
 Laura Bush
 Brayden Boehme
 Harvey & Tena Squire 📞
 Beverly Crain
 Zadie Vail

**July****Rail Offering****July 5 - Methodist Children's Home - Waco**

Methodist Children's Home offers hope to children, youth and families through a nurturing, Christian community. Their mission has always been to serve children based on their needs, not their ability to pay.

Generous individuals, churches and organizations provide the financial foundation that helps them serve an increasing number of children and youth in Texas and New Mexico.

**Noisy Offering****July 19 - Youth Fund for our Church****Operation Christmas**

All of July we will be collecting **medium-size balls** (so they won't cause choking or over fill the bags) for Operation Christmas. Our goal is to collect enough for 200 gift bags to children along both sides of the Texas/Mexico border. Let your kids or grandkids help you shop and learn to give to kids in need. Please place in bins in the Narthex under the card-signing desk.



JULY 2020



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<p>Note: SUNDAYS Worship 9:30am & 11am Sunday School 10am</p>	<p>Note: YOGA 8:30am Mon- Thurs</p>	<p>Note: WALK AWAY THE POUNDS 9:00am Mon- Thurs</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>3 </p>	<p>4  Please celebrate safely!</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>6 6:30pm Trustee Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7:45am Food Fair In Hondo  6:30pm Admin Board Mtg.</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 7:30pm AA Meeting</p>	<p>31</p>	