

March, 2019

Methogram

“The mission of First United Methodist Church of Silsbee is to glorify God, make disciples, and transform lives in Christ”

The View From Downtown

Dear Friends,

As I have gotten older I have found that indeed “time flies by”. We are almost at the end of February and March is just around the corner. The winter we have felt in Southeast Texas (unpredictable) will soon lead us into the much looked forward to season called “Spring”. It is in the spring time that we venture out to take trips, play sports, and enjoy the awakening of God’s creation from the bareness of winter. It is also in the spring time that we celebrate and remember the vitally important events of Lent and Easter. It is in these events that we are reminded and encouraged to live out the Christian faith that has been shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the faith of those who have gone before us, and the faith of current Christians that surround us. You might say that because of the events we remember in Lent/Easter it is for us the ultimate “do-over” of all time. We learn that God’s love is real, eternal, and given to us not that we have earned it but because we serve and know a living and loving God. The following is a story entitled “To Whom Shall I Leave My Kingdom” by Donald E. Wildmon.

Once the King of a large kingdom was growing old. He decided that it was time to select an heir from among his four sons, so he called them in one at a time to discuss the inheritance of his kingdom. When the first son entered the chamber of the King and sat down, the King spoke to him. “My son, I am very old and will not live much longer. I wish to entrust my kingdom to the son best suited to receive it. Tell me, if I leave my kingdom to you what will you give to the kingdom?”

Now this son was very rich. So when asked the question, he replied: “I am a man of vast wealth. If you leave me your kingdom I will give it all of my wealth and it will be the richest kingdom in all the world”. “Thank you, son,” the King said as he dismissed the son.

When the second son entered, the King spoke to him. “My son, I am very old and will not live much longer. I wish to entrust my kingdom to the son best suited to receive it. Tell me, if I leave my kingdom to you what will you give to the kingdom? Now this son was very intelligent. So when asked the question, he replied: “I am a man of vast intelligence. If you leave me your kingdom I will give it all of my intelligence and it will be the most intelligent kingdom in all the world.” “Thank you, son,” the King said as he dismissed the son.

When the third son entered, the King spoke to him. “My son, I am very old and will not live much longer. I wish to entrust my kingdom to the son best suited to receive it. Tell me, if I leave my kingdom to you what will you give to the kingdom?” Now this son was very strong. So when asked the question, he replied: “I am a man of great strength. If you leave me your kingdom I will give it all of my strength and it will be the strongest kingdom in all the world.” “Thank you, son,” the King said as he dismissed the son.

The fourth son entered and was greeted by the King in the same fashion as the other three. “My son, I am very old and will not live much longer. I wish to entrust my kingdom to the son best suited to receive it. Tell me, if I leave my kingdom to you what will you give to the kingdom? Now this son wasn’t especially rich, or smart, or strong. So he replied, “My father, you know that my brothers are much richer, smarter, and stronger than I. While they have spent years gaining these attributes, I have spent my time among the people in your kingdom. I have shared with them in their sickness and sorrow. And I have learned to love them. I’m afraid that the only thing I have to give to your kingdom is my love of the people. I know that my brothers have more to offer than I do, therefore, I will not be disappointed in not being named your heir. I will simply go on doing what I have always done.”

When the king died the people anxiously awaited the news as to their new ruler. And the greatest rejoicing the kingdom ever knew took place when the fourth son was named by the King as his successor.

In whatever time we have may we use it wisely and live our lives in love.

In Christ,
Pastor David

CHURCH COUNCIL



January Church Council Minutes can be picked up in the church office.

We will be starting a Confirmation Class for youth currently in the 6th grade. If you have a youth that is in a higher grade than 6th grade, who has not been confirmed and they want to attend, they are welcome to join us.

Confirmation Class is scheduled to begin Sunday, March 3, 2019 and end on Sunday, June 2, 2019. The classes will be held in Cravens Hall from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM each Sunday.

The parents are asked to attend the first class on Sunday, March 3, 2019 with their youth. Pastor David Green and Cheryl Owens will lead the class.

The Youth's Confirmation will be Sunday, June 9, 2019 during the 11:00 AM service. Please RSVP to Cheryl Owens if your youth will be attending or you have any questions.

In His Love,
FUMC-Silsbee



In Loving Memory

Worship

01/27 - 143
02/03 - 143
02/10 - 114
02/17 - 135

Sunday School

01/27 - 86
02/03 - 76
02/10 - 75
02/17 - 72

Gifts

01/27 - \$11,533.99
02/03 - \$8072.35
02/10 - \$5049.00
02/17 - 7144.00

Bennie Kadlecek

Willa Dean Hill

Evelyn Monk

Janette Van Winkle

Marjorie Cassity

Bettie Durham

Dagma Murphy

Dr. Phillip Allen

Janette Van Winkle

Charles Daum

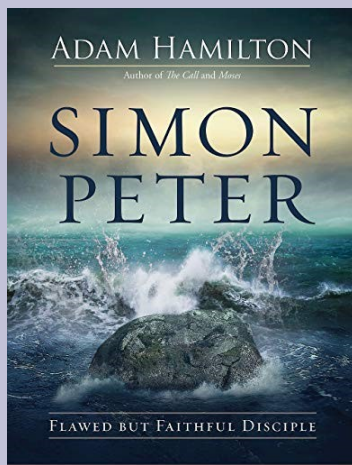
Dagma Murphy

Lenten Bible Study
Simon Peter
By: Adam Hamilton

Pastor David will be teaching this 6 week study and it will be offered at 2 different times during the week. Sundays will be in Pastor David's classroom (Rm 314 in McDonough Hall) during the Sunday School hour. Tuesdays will be in Cravens Hall at 10:00 AM. The Study will begin Sunday, February 24, 2019

He was not rich or educated, but was familiar with hard work. He was quick-tempered and impetuous, but possessed a passion that would change the world. He left everything to follow his teacher, yet struggled with doubt and fear. Join pastor and author Adam Hamilton in this six-week Lenten journey, and take an in-depth dive into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.

(Books are \$15.00 and they can be picked up at the church office.)



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday
March 6, 2019
7:00 PM
Sanctuary



Wesley Foundation
Spring Feast
Fundraiser

Monday, April 1, 2019
6:00 PM
3810 N Major Dr.
Beaumont, TX 77713

FUMC-Silsbee has tickets for this awesome fun fundraiser!! There will be Blue Dave's BBQ, dessert that is made by the students, talks from the students and the director, silent auction items, a live band, dancing and more! Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Help support you college students. The deadline to purchase tickets is March 15, 2019



Dates to Remember

Sunday March 10, 2019
Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 11-15
SISD & AFDS Spring Break

March is UMCOR Month

Vision and Mission

Vision: As the humanitarian relief and development arm of The United Methodist Church, UMCOR strengthens and transforms people and communities.

Mission: Compelled by Christ to be a voice of conscience on behalf of the people called Methodist, UMCOR works globally to alleviate human suffering and advance hope and healing.

UMCOR's work can be categorized into three major areas:"

- 1) Humanitarian Relief / Disaster Response
- 2) Sustainable Development
- 3) Global Health (in collaboration with Global Ministries)



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