



May 11, 2016

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,

Well, it seems that Anita, Nevis, and I have been here in Silsbee for 11 months now. And wow, has a lot happened in those 11 months. As in life, we have experienced some joy and some pain. It's like my Dad used to say: “You have to take the bitter with the sweet.” I call his phrases Whalenisms. I keep getting asked how I like Silsbee? Well, I want everyone to know that we like it here and feel very much at home.

The key to feeling at home in my mind is to make a connection. Take a minute and think about what I have written. For a couple to fall in love, for a team to achieve success, for a politician to get your vote, and for a church to gain support for new ministries and new members, it is essential for connections to be made. I am reminded of Hebrews, chapter 10, verses 23 thru 25, which says: “Let's hold on to the confession of our

hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable. Let's also think how to motivate each other to show love and to do good works. Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.” Common English Bible Translation.

It is my hope that each and every one of you will allow me to make some kind of connection with you in my time as your pastor. If we have not met, you can simply call the church at 385-5568 or email me at pastor@silsbeeumc.com and I would be glad to visit with you about anything. It is a fact that we were created to be in relationship with one another and our creator God.

Let's make it happen!

Pastor David



The Texas Annual Conference
of the United Methodist Church

**Texas Annual Conference Clergy and Laity
to meet May 29—June 1**

The yearly gathering of ordained clergy and individual church laity delegates will be held at the Hilton Americas-Houston, Texas, in downtown Houston. Various meetings of clergy and laity with special worship services are planned. The three main areas of focus will be: Cultivating Growing, Fruitful, Missional Congregations; Transforming Lay and Clergy Leaders; and Investing in the Young. Representing First UMC as the lay delegate is Mr. Bob Herbst and Pastor Green, who will be re-appointed for a second year of ministry in Silsbee. Please pray for all those individuals attending this yearly event.



Link Fund Raiser for Eagle Scout Project

On Sunday, May 29, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Brandon Walters will have a link sale for his Eagle Scout Project. The sale will take place in front of McDonough Hall. The money raised will help fund his Eagle Scout project. He plans to build a 12' by 24' deck on the back of McDonough Hall for the All Faiths Day School. Please come by and help support this young man.



*Piano students of Jay Collier
will be presented in recital
Sunday, May 22,
2:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary
Reception to follow in Cravens Hall.
The church family is cordially
invited to attend.*

In Loving Memory

Adelle Sevars

Willa Dean Hill

Roger Ratliff

Fred and Linda Miller
Allan and Dagma Murphy

Bobby Lane, Sr.

Fred and Linda Miller
Willa Dean Hill

Lester Landgraf

Jeanette Van Winkle

Methogram Schedule

May 25 publication

Please submit any articles and info by noon, Tues. May 24

June 8 publication

Please submit any articles and info by noon, Tues. June 7

<u>Worship</u>		<u>Gifts</u>	
05/01	156	05/01	\$8,094.27
05/08	162	05/08	\$8,333.00
<u>Sunday School</u>			
05/01	78		
05/08	59		



**We Need Your
HELP!**

We're Moving On Up!!

Silsbee I.S.D. is pleased to announce that it is time to start the process of moving in to our new Silsbee Elementary School, and we invite you and your group to help.

We are inviting all of our community supporters to come and assist us in our moving process! Bring your teams out and join in the community wide event!

We will meet at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 4, 2016, at the Read-Turrentine Campus to move boxes and some large furniture pieces in order to get the campus ready to be torn down. Please bring any flat carts, hand carts or other equipment to help us move!



For more information, contact Mike Tomas at 409-926-7047 or at 409-980-7814 or by email at michael.tomas@silsbeeisd.org. Please email us to let us know how many people will be joining us.

Children's Ministry Update

It is hard to believe that another year of Faithweaver Friends is coming to an end, but it is true. Today, May 11th, we will be celebrating our last meeting of Faithweavers for this school year. There will, of course, be snacks, and then there will be a water slide and outdoor games. We, the teachers and helpers, have enjoyed sharing the love of God with the children, and we hope you all come back next year.



Vacation Bible School is just around the corner!! It is July 18-22, and our theme this year is Surf Shack. I know that it will be lots of fun. There are still some jobs that need to be filled. Please call me at 291-9480 if you would like to volunteer. VBS is always lots of fun, so please join us!

There have been some of you sorely missed in Sunday School. We sure hope you will come back soon.



This summer promises to be a busy one. Come to church and enjoy it with us!

Dinkle Scholarship Now Accepting Applications



First UMC is now accepting applications for the Jean Dinkle scholarship. This scholarship is available to graduating seniors from Silsbee High School, or graduating seniors that attend First UMC Silsbee. If you meet these qualifications, and are interested in applying, you can stop by the church office during normal business hours to pick up an application.



Yoga is a great tool for staying healthy and a class is being organized for our Church. Its purpose is to create strength, awareness and harmony in mind and body. Our major goals will be stretching, relaxing and breathing.

Best of all, yoga is for everyone. Size and fitness levels do not matter because there are modifications for every yoga pose. This beginner class will allow everyone to learn together and adapt this age-old fitness technique to meet their own needs.

When: Starting May 16, Monday afternoons from 1:30-2:30

Where: McDonough Hall

Who: Adults of all ages and fitness levels (We cannot accommodate children at this time.)

What: Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring an inexpensive yoga mat, available from Wal-Mart

Cost: Free! (Voluntary love offering for our volunteer instructor.)

Do this for yourself! Join the fun! See you there!

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