



May 31, 2017

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,

IT HAS BEGUN!!! Some have been dreading it and some have excitedly longed for it. What is it? Summer, Summer, Summer. Summer means many things to many people. For many families, it means their children are out of school and various activities, trips, and vacations are enjoyed. For some, it simply means trying to stay cool either by staying indoors at home or other venues.

With summertime, our schedules and mental outlooks often undergo a slow-down, a relaxation, and a change in priorities. As a pastor, summertime for me means worship services, Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, youth camps and fun events. I guess what I am saying is that for me, my schedule, with a few changes, will just about remain the same.

With all of this in mind, a scripture from the New Testament book of Hebrews gains some relevance. Hebrews, chapter 10, verse 25 says: “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.” In the Wesley Study Bible—Common English Bible translation, John

Wesley viewed that the practices of the Christian faith and the social structures (fellowship, shared meals, studies, and witness) were essential in supporting believers in their growth as disciples.

In the year 2017, I believe that even though our world has and continues to experience many changes and advances, it is still beneficial and enhancing to one’s emotional, physical, and spiritual health that each of us practice and develop our Christian faith daily as well as within a community (church) on a regular basis.

So, please don’t let the summer season distract or prevent you from the vital gift of a refreshing and living relationship with God. Please take the time and make the effort to read your Bible, pray, sing, and gather as a faith community through First UMC Silsbee.

And, just so you know, I have been re-appointed for a 3rd year as your pastor. I am here in Silsbee to serve God and serve you! Let us join together in a living faith that looks with anticipation for the second coming of Jesus our Lord.

Stay Cool,
Pastor David

In Loving Memory

Beulah Lenox

RJ and Eileen Nash

Joan Calk

Janette Van Winkle

Celebrate with Doris Hartman

On Thursday, June 1st, Doris Hartman will turn 95 years young. Doris is one of our shut-in members and enjoys guests and flowers. If you would like to send a card or gift, Doris' address is 755 Watts Road, Silsbee, Texas, 77656.

Upcoming Sermon Series on Psalm 23

Pastor David Green is excited to preach on the special scriptures titled Psalm 23. On the Sundays of July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6, Pastor David will enhance and explain each verse of Psalm 23.



Hello all,

I hope that everyone has had a great Memorial Day Weekend. Recently, we have had a few great accomplishments by members of our youth group.

First of all, Nick Trainer, Gage Tywater, and Jarred Watson have all graduated from high school!!! I know that each of these students has a promising future ahead of him.

Furthermore, Gracie Gilchrist had a fantastic performance during her spring choir concert at Silsbee High School. Gracie performed a solo and I was really impressed by her singing ability!

In addition, Paula Boothman was selected to be a part of the Air Force Academy student camp and I know she is going to have a great week up in Colorado Springs. Only a select few students were selected for this camp so Paula has done a great job in being chosen.

I have also sent a summer youth activity schedule to all the parents of our youth. I have two events planned per month and will need parent volunteers to help chaperone the events. Please email me at youth@silsbeeumc.com if you are able to help.

Finally, if you haven't already emailed myself or Jennifer about your child attending Lakeview summer camp in Palestine, Texas from June 18th through June 23rd, please let us know so that we can get an idea about how many youth will be attending camp this summer. The cost of the camp is \$400, with our church covering half the cost for each student.

I pray that everyone has a safe and fun next couple of weeks, and I will see you in the next Methogram!

God Bless,
Ben Schulz

Update on First UMC Methodist Center

On Sunday afternoon, May 21, in the fellowship room of Cravens Hall, several members met in a Church Conference to hear a report of the Trustees committee concerning the future of the Methodist Center. The Methodist Center is the white vinyl-sided house that is located behind Cravens Hall and is next door to the Church Parsonage.

Our District Superintendent, Reverend Alicia Coltzer, conducted our discussion of the future disposition of the Methodist Center. Our Trustees Committee presented a plan to sell the Methodist Center with the stipulation that it be moved from the property which will remain in the ownership of the church.

A second plan was presented by one of our church members whereby the Methodist Center would not be sold but instead the interior of the house would be renovated to official city code.

A vote on whether to sell or not sell the center was held and the vote was 28 no and 25 yes. Because of the closeness of the vote, our

District Superintendent asked us to reexamine the issue of what to do with the future purpose of the Methodist Center.

Once a plan has been developed and voted on, the Methogram will report on future decisions.

June 4 Celebration of Confirmation, Holy Communion, and Pentecost

First UMC is excited to celebrate several events on the morning of June 4. At the 9:00 am service, we will celebrate the importance of Pentecost and Holy Communion. Pentecost is the arrival of the Holy Spirit and is considered the birthday of the Christian Church.

At the 11:00 am service, Holy Communion and Pentecost will be celebrated as well as the Confirmation of six teenagers.

These youth are Emillie Auer, Rhys Earle, Rayleigh Middleton, Amber Pollard, Neeleigh Smith, and Taylor Wise. These youth will officially become full members of the United Methodist Church.

Let's start Summer 2017 together in a meaningful worship service!

Worship

05/14	155
05/21	114
05/28	116

Sunday School

05/14	82
05/21	59
05/28	40

Gifts

05/14	\$6,964.25
05/21	\$4,118.00
05/28	\$2,487.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 10-14

9:00 am to Noon

Ages 4 years to 5th grade

**Registration will be available
soon!**

Volunteers always welcome!



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