



June 8, 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,

Certain activities seem to have a natural fit for the month of June. Families will begin to take those longed-for vacations. Children and youth will start going to those memorable summer camps. And, for many, the summer seasons of softball and baseball will mean lots of traveling and plenty of sunburns.

However, as a minister, when I think of June, I think of weddings. Now I know people in our society get married any time of the year, but for many, the tradition of a June wedding still beckons. Have you ever wondered, why June? Well, it seems that the tradition dates back to the Roman Empire when the god Juno and his wife Jupiter, the goddess of marriage and childbirth, were celebrated on the 1st day of June. As time progressed, the English of Victorian times (1840-1900) continued to marry in June because

flowers were readily available and the fragrance of the flowers covered up the lack of hygiene (kind of gross, right).

One of the activities that is often discarded beginning in the month of June is church on Sunday. I know, why did I have to go there!

Well, as you pastor, I am called to care for and assist you in the wellness of your spiritual health. Now, I know that we can meet God at any place on our planet. However, the gathering of believers to worship, praise, and enhance our understanding of God's love has a unique power found in a church setting.

So, I invite you to come and be with me this summer on Sunday mornings if you are in town. Who knows what God will do in and through us.

Look forward to seeing you!

*Pastor David*



### Glenda Delano Awarded

#### Lay Servant Ministry Certificate

Glenda Delano, First UMC's Children's Ministry coordinator, was presented her certificate for an Advanced Course in Spiritual Gifts on Sunday, June 5th. This training was completed on February 27-28 at the United Methodist Temple in Port Arthur. Be sure and congratulate Glenda on her accomplishment.

# In Loving Memory

## Adelle Sevars

Marianne Deadmon  
Dan and Sharon Herron

## Roger Ratliff

Marianne Deadmon  
Ed and Sonia Cain

## Rayford Birdwell

Marianne Deadmon  
Judy Jackson

Joyce McClung

Larry and Karen Williams

Mr. and Mrs. K.C. Gore

Vance and Luanne Payne

Ross and Yazmin Payne

Jack and Carol Jordan

## Annette Ebarb

Jack and Carol Jordan

## Charlene Dauphin

Joyce McClung

Fred and Linda Miller

Ed and Sonia Cain



## Church Financial Report

First UMC is blessed with several individuals and families who faithfully give

tithes and offerings for the support of its many ministries. For the first five months of 2016, the income from contributions, building use, and miscellaneous use was \$146,722.29. Compared to our expenses for the same time period, we are ahead by \$4,546.10. What is also wonderful is that we have received almost \$8,000 more than we had last year at this time. Thank you, thank you everyone for your financial commitments. Please remember, during the summer, that our church will be open and conducting on-going and new ministries.

### Methogram Schedule

#### July 6 publication

Please submit any articles and info by noon,  
Tues. July 5

### Dinkle Scholarship to be presented June 12

Keleigh Trabing, 2016 Salutatorian graduate of Silsbee High School, will receive the Dinkle Scholarship from First UMC at the 11:00 a.m. service on June 12. Keleigh's parents are Mark and Lynn Trabing, and she will attend Texas A&M University in the fall of 2016 with a double major in recreation, parks and tourism services and elementary education.

#### Worship

05/29 122

06/05 147

#### Sunday School

05/29 57

06/05 78

#### Gifts

05/29 \$5,798.00

06/05 \$10,125.00

### Youth Director Search Update

A big thank you for everyone's prayers, support, and hospitality shown to our three candidates, who have come to see us in Silsbee recently. The committee will next meet on Thursday, June 16 to discuss the status of our search. Our goal is to have someone selected and in ministry by August 1, 2016.

### July-August Edition of Upper Rooms Available

The large and regular size July-August Upper Room devotional guides are now available in the church office. Stop by and pick one up for you and your family. Also remember that the devotional is available on our Facebook page and Twitter feed every week day.

## First UMC to celebrate Father's Day on June 19

The role and place of fathers in our society has changed a great deal in the past few years. However, more than ever, we need to celebrate the important stabilizing effect that Dads can play in our families. At both services on June 19th, all fathers will be recognized and given a token of our appreciation.



Faithweaver Friends ended on a wet note. We had a great time with the end of year party, and the water slide was a big hit. We will miss the children during the summer, but we have hopes of seeing you all during Vacation Bible School.

Speaking of VBS, it is coming up quickly! We will kick off Surf Shack on July 18, and it will continue through July 22, from 9:00 a.m. to noon each day. It is for ages 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We still need helpers so please, prayerfully consider joining us. It will be lots of fun.

If you don't want to volunteer, there are still several needs that you can help meet! For our missions projects, we would appreciate sample-sized toiletries, as well as snack-sized chips and cookies, etc.

We also are asking to borrow any water-themed decorating items that you may have such as fishing nets, beach towels and balls, boogie boards or surf boards etc.

Sunday School is going well. We just started a new section. It begins with an all time favorite, Noah. The key Bible verse is Geneses 9:17: "This is the symbol of the covenant that I have set up between me and all the creatures on earth."

There is always room for more students in our Sunday School classes. We would love to share the love of God with you and your children and grandchildren. There are classes for everyone and dedicated, loving teachers in each class.

*Dear Members of First United Methodist Church,*

*Our family deeply appreciates the many cards and emails sent to our mother on her 100th birthday. The outpouring of your affection and remembrances was so meaningful to her and our family.*

*Thank you so much for remembering her on this very special day.*



## MUSIC NOTES

Summertime! It's time for the yearly Chancel Choir break in July. Thank you for your hard work, encouragement, and prayers for one another this past season. Enjoy your summer break!

Choir resumes in August and it is a great time to join the choir! Take the time this summer to ask a choir member what they love about singing in the choir. Then, pray about joining us in August! Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings at 6pm and last about an hour.

Thanks,  
Jill

Piano students of Jay Collier received highest ratings at the UIL State Contest on May 29, 2016. Paula Boothman, Meaghan Bloodworth, Jacob Fisher, and Reneshia Gilder received scores of "I", and Carley Shutter received a "II". Congratulations to these fine young students

~Jay Collier

*God Bless You!*  
*The family of Janie Hough*

## Joy in July Event Coming July 10, 17, and 24

First UMC, Silsbee is going to do something different and unique in the month of July. On 3 consecutive Sundays we will offer something for everyone.

Here is the schedule:

### July 10:

**9:00 a.m.** "Experience Joy" by Rev. Anita Green  
Dauphin Room, McDonough Hall

### July 17:

**9:00 a.m.** First UMC Spreads Joy to our Community  
Dauphin Room, McDonough Hall  
Service project making cards for residents of Silsbee  
Convalescent Home and goodie bags for 50 residents  
**10:30 a.m.** One Service in the Sanctuary

### July 24:

Old Fashioned Tent Meeting  
**10:00 a.m.** Hymn sing and combined service  
Dauphin Room, McDonough Hall  
**11:00 a.m.** Covered Dish Luncheon



## Come Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love!

**Where:** First United Methodist Church

670 N. 5th Street, Silsbee

**When:** July 18-22, 2016

**Time:** 9:00a.m. to noon

**Ages:** 4years to 5th Grade

For more information, or to print out the registration form,  
please visit [www.silsbeeumc.com](http://www.silsbeeumc.com) or call 409-385-5568.



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