



June 21, 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,

Have you seen those electronic signs on Hwy 69 or I-10? What caught my attention is this message: Hurricane Season is Here— Make Preparations.

For those of us on the Texas Gulf Coast, we take warnings about hurricanes seriously because they can have such a dramatic influence on our lives.

If we think about it, storms come in all shapes and sizes and can affect us either emotionally, physically, or spiritually. In our current world community, we seem to be in a constant storm of “isms”. Because of the unrelenting coverage of social media, these storms have a dangerous side effect in that they never seem to have an end or resolution.

As a disciple of Christ, I am seeking the only solid answer to these storms and the answer to me is the “peace” which only Jesus can offer us.

In John 14:27, Jesus says: “I am leaving you with a gift— peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn’t like the peace the world gives.

So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

My suggestion is to stay close to God in His word so that when the storms come, and they will, we can endure them and look forward to God’s peace.

One way to stay close is the Upper Room daily devotional and this one is from June 19th.

**Read Mark 4:35-41**

**Today’s Devotional**

In today’s reading, the disciples were overcome by fear and woke Jesus from a sound sleep.

They cried out and questioned his care for

them. But Jesus calmed the wind and waves with the command, “Peace! Be still!” Jesus then challenged the disciples, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?”

Similarly, the storms of life assault us with little or no warning. Winds of change scream and howl. We are tossed up on the shore like driftwood, where we may find ourselves lying among the wreckage of serious health problems, ruptured family relationships, or broken dreams.

When we face hard times, grief and pain can dominate our days and fear may visit us in the middle of the night. Like the disciples, we cry out, “Lord, do you not care that we are perishing?” Jesus may not instantly command these winds and waves, “Be still!” But he does say to us, “Peace!” He speaks with loving kindness to comfort and strengthen us. Scripture reminds us that our Lord will never leave us or forsake us. We are encouraged to cast all our cares, concerns, hurts, fears, and pain on God because God cares for us. (See 1 Peter 5:7)

**Thought for the Day:**

When my life seems to be falling apart, Jesus can give me peace.

**Prayer:**

Thank you, Lord, for hearing our prayers and giving us your peace in the stormy times of our lives. Amen.

**Prayer Focus:**

Those Recovering from National Disasters.

Stay safe,  
*Pastor David*

# *In Loving Memory*

Beulah Lenox

RJ and Eileen Nash

Joan Calk

Janette Van Winkle

## **Time for July/August Upper Rooms**

The Upper Room Devotional is quick, handy, meaningful, and free! First UMC provides regular and large-print copies. The July/August edition can be picked up at the church office or in the worship services on July 2nd.

## **Church Acolytes to be recognized and installed on July 9**

One of the most inspiring moments each Sunday at the 11:00 am worship service is the presentation of the cross and lighting of the altar candles by our devoted acolytes. These children and youth are dedicated, trained, and educated by Dagma Murphy. Dagma is very knowledgeable and a wonderful teacher.

On July 9th in worship, we will recognize our continuing and new acolytes. Please encourage and pray for the faith and service of our acolytes.



Well, summer is here and there isn't much going on. Sunday School attendance is okay. There are quite a few families out of town. We just want you to know that we miss you when we don't see you.

VBS is just around the corner. You can register online at [www.silsbeeumc.com](http://www.silsbeeumc.com) Please come, it will be fun. We can always use more helpers. There are 7 new acolytes. Mrs. Dagma has taught them all they need to know to be good helpers in the church. Thank you, Mrs. Dagma! Pray for our campers. There are six going to Lakewood this week. May they come home rested and renewed faith in our Lord.

## **Glenda Delano to preach at First UMC on June 25**

Glenda Delano, who has served with joy and hard work as our Director of Children's Ministries, will preach at the 11:00 am service in the sanctuary on June 25. Glenda has attended several lay speaking schools and has been led by the Holy Spirit to enhance her service in a new way.

Glenda will be retiring from her position as Director of Children's Ministries on Sunday, July 16.

Everyone is encouraged to pray for and attend worship on June 25th in support of Glenda.

## Joy in July Schedule

This year at First UMC, we are going to offer some different worship and fellowship experiences.

The following is the schedule with times and other details.

### July 2

Sunday School– 9:45 am

Worship– 11:00 am in the sanctuary  
Celebration of Holy Communion and Independence Day. Everyone is encouraged to wear red, white, and blue.

### July 9

Sunday School– 9:45 am

Worship– 11:00 am in the sanctuary  
Installation of new worship Acolytes. Hot dogs and chips/drinks in Dauphin Room after service.

### July 16

Sunday School– 9:45 am

Worship– 11:00 am in the sanctuary

### July 23

Sunday School-9:45 am

Worship– 11:00 am in the sanctuary  
Picnic and Ice Cream Contest at Knuppel Park– 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

### July 30

Sunday School– 9:45 am

Worship– 11:00 am in the sanctuary  
Gage Tywater song recital– 2:30 pm in the sanctuary.

## **Six week sermon series to begin July 2**

Pastor David is excited to share God's word found in the Old Testament scripture of Psalm 23. Each week he will take a verse by verse approach. Hope you and your family and friends will enjoy the series.

*In Honor of*

Nancy Ratchford  
Joyce Wallace  
Glenda Delano  
Sharon Dickard  
Primetimers

#### Worship

06/04	142
06/11	154
06/18	142

#### Sunday School

06/04	61
06/11	85
06/18	70

#### Gifts

06/04	\$9,028.00
06/11	\$8,896.00
06/18	\$5,265.00

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

First UMC is once again excited to offer Vacation Bible School to our community.

This year the theme is “Hero Central—Discover Your Strength in God!” Ages 4 years to 5th grade are welcome to attend.

You can register by calling the church office (385-5568) or go online at [www.silsbeeumc.com](http://www.silsbeeumc.com). Volunteers are always welcome in many areas. The VBS will be held in McDonough Hall and will be held Monday-Friday from 9:00 am to noon, July 10-14.



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