



August 29, 2018

# 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. Or, I should say, it is beginning.

School, with all of its athletic and academic pursuits, hunting on a statewide level, and the transition from summer to fall.

Recently, I have heard from several people that they are ready for things to get back to normal and to get back on a regular schedule. I did not say it, but when I have heard these comments a big part of me wanted to say, “what is normal, and what does it mean to get back on schedule?”.

As I turn 56 on August 28th, I am thinking more about what life is really about and what is my belief and relationship to my Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ. I believe it is vital and life-enhancing to have a belief system in place to guide our lives. The following words of wisdom are taken from Lee Caldwell, a devoted member of First UMC who now resides in Heaven:

### **The Faith Statement of Ora Lee Caldwell**

I truly believe God came to earth through Jesus Christ to show us how we are to live and that there are consequences for our actions.

Jesus died on the Cross for our sins and was raised from the dead and ascended into Heaven where he waits for us to come and have everlasting life with Him, where we will be free of pain and sorrow.

I also believe we communicate with God through prayer while we are on earth, and that He places people in our life that He wants us to help and that we lead others to Christ through our actions.

I also believe that there is a purpose in everything (good and bad).

I believe God can heal us spiritually, physically, and emotionally and that He will answer prayers in His time, not mine.

I believe prayer is not an attempt to influence God, but it is a way to find hope in the midst of tragedy and suffering. That hope is God with us through all our suffering.

I believe death is not an end for us as Christians.

May God direct us to a closer relationship between us and Him!

*Pastor David*

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### **New 2018 Church Pictorial Directory Coming Soon**

It is not too late to sign up for First UMC's new pictorial directory. Picture dates are Wednesday, September 12 through Saturday, September 15.

If you have not signed up yet, you can do so in worship on Sunday, September 2 or by calling the church office at 385-5568. At first UMC, we want you in the directory!

### **First UMC to Observe Labor Day Holiday**

First UMC's office will be closed to observe the Labor Day holiday on Monday, September 3. The office will re-open for normal hours on Tuesday, September 4.

<u>Worship</u>		
08/05		143
08/12		159
08/19		159
08/26		159
<u>Sunday School</u>		
08/05		68
08/12		70
08/19		83
08/26		82
<u>Gifts</u>		
08/05	\$7,472.00	
08/12	\$6,415.00	
08/19	\$8,735.00	
08/26	\$5,114.50	



First UMC remembers and gives thanks for the life of Sharon Boothman. Sharon died on August 6 and her life was celebrated at First UMC on August 10. Please remember her family in your prayers.



### Items Needed for Shoebox Ministry

*In Loving Memory*

Robert Neyland

Janette Van Winkle

Kassie Moye

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

Luann Watson

Drew and Alyson Donalson

Sharon Boothman

Janette Van Winkle

Cecil and Marjorie Cassity

1. Pencils and Pencil Sharpeners– September 2
2. Crayons or Colored Pencils– September 9
3. Coloring Books– September 16
4. Small Stuffed Animals– September 23
5. Small Trucks or Cars– September 30
6. Small Dolls - October 7
7. Small Balls- October 14
8. Socks-October 21
9. Toothbrushes, Hairbrush, or Combs- October 28
10. Small Bars of Soap– November 4

We will gather on Sunday, November 11 after the 11:00 am Worship Service to pack the shoeboxes.

### **Cheryl Owens to Preach on September 16**

Pastor David Green will be out of town for September 15 and 16 to celebrate his sister's 50th wedding anniversary. In his place, Cheryl Owens, Director of First UMC's Children's Ministry, will lead in both worship services on Sunday, September 16. Please come to worship and support Cheryl!

### **Special Anniversary on September 18**

Bud and Jackie Hymel, parents of First UMC members Christy Burton and Madeline Stirling, will celebrate their 77th wedding anniversary on September 18th. They worship with us when they can and they reside at Spanish Trail Assisted Living of Silsbee. To send them an anniversary card, you may mail it to: 775 Hwy 96S, Room 113, Silsbee, Texas, 77656.

## **Next Church Council Meeting on September 25**

Our third meeting of the new Church Council will be held on Tuesday, September 25 at 6:00 p.m. in Cravens Hall. All members and supporters are welcome and encouraged to attend.



### **Come Celebrate Holy Communion on September 2nd**

At both worship services on September 2nd, First UMC will celebrate Holy Communion and the close of summer. We hope to see all of you in worship!



First UMC is excited to offer the First Annual Deer Hunters' Breakfast at 10:00 am in the Dauphin Room of McDonough Hall on Sunday, October 14th. At the breakfast, we will have a local Game Warden speak about the upcoming 2018 season and gifts will be given to each in attendance. Mark your calendar now for October 14th.

### **Chancel Choir Wants You for Christmas Rehearsals**

Our chancel Choir, led by Mark Wilson, has begun Christmas Cantata rehearsals on August 29th. If you would like to join in, weekly Cantata rehearsals will be held on Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:15 pm in the Choir Room located in the back of the sanctuary. Regular choir practice will run from 7:15 to 8:00 pm. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The church office has received the following notes and cards of thanks, and we wish to share them with you....

Thank you so much for the keychain, senior breakfast, and support throughout the years! I will continue to look to God for answers as I go on to college. Thanks for everything,  
Neeleigh Smith

To the church,

Thank you so much for the graduation gifts, and for being my home for the past 18 years. I have come to know some of my very best friends and mentors from our little community, and it brings me great comfort to know that I will have a loving place to come back to. God bless you all.  
Love, Paula Boothman

Dear Church Members,

Thank you so much for taking such good care of our family following my mothers' death last week. It meant the world to us. I also appreciate all of the kind words from those of you who remember her time as the church secretary. She truly loved that job, and she would love to know that she was so fondly remembered.

Thanks again, Dale Boothman



**First UMC to Honor  
and Celebrate  
Grandparent's Day on  
September 9**

First UMC values the wisdom and love shown by our grandparents. We will recognize and honor our Grandparents in worship at both services on September 9.

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