



September 7, 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,

This Sunday will be a time of remembrance for us as a nation and also on a personal level. The date that I am referring to is September 11th. This

particular date has significant meaning to us on many levels. On September 11th, we will remember that it is the 15th anniversary of a day that for many was a second Pearl Harbor. On

September 11, 2001, our nation was attacked in a cowardly fashion that resulted in over 3,000 American deaths.

Since that day we have been in a war with radical Islam, ISIS, Daesh, or whatever label you would desire to apply. Also, on September 11, we will celebrate the 38th anniversary of Grandparents Day. Grandparents play a pivotal role in our society through their acts of love and compassion. When I think of these two important anniversaries, the only thing

that I find that links them is the gifts of love and sacrifice. In the gospel of John, Chapter 15, verse 13, we find these words: “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” (NIV translation) When I think of 9/11 and Grandparents, I acknowledge their many acts of love and sacrifice. What they have done has given us a model of how life should be lived. We find fulfillment when we focus on giving away more than receiving or keeping.

May God speak to our hearts in such a way that we spend our lives offering our best for others so that they know God’s love for them.

In Christ,

Pastor David

Dear Church Family,

Keith Van Winkle’s family is so grateful for the love and care you have shown us when Keith passed away so suddenly. You visited, brought food, sent flowers and cards, but most of all you gave us hugs and shoulders to cry on and prayed with us and for us.

Your memorials to our church is a great way to honor his memory. Thank you for those gifts also.

*Bless you,
Janette and all his family*

In Loving Memory

Martha Petroelje

Irene Redkey

John Oglesby Jr

Joyce Wallace



*A gift was given in honor of
Rev. Nancy Ratchford by the Primetimers*

Methogram Schedule

September 21 publication

Please submit any articles and info by noon,
Tues. September 20

October 5 publication

Please submit any articles and info by noon,
Tues. October 4



Sadly, we are not going to be able to have our Faithweaver Friends program this year.

We are awaiting God's plan for our Children's ministry. We know that it will be a great thing for our church and for the children of our community.

The pumpkins are coming, the pumpkins are coming!! Next month we will have pumpkins. This is a big fundraiser for our youth. The Party at the Patch and the Trunk or Treat are going to be combined into one big party this year. We hope to see you all there! It is set for October 22, from 1:00 p.m. To 4:00 p.m. It will be a load of fun!

Our Sunday School attendance is still not great. We are missing you kids! Please come to Sunday School, you will be sure to get a blessing from it!

~Mrs. Glenda

Six Week Fall Bible Study to start September 11

Do you remember when Sunday nights had church services? Do you work or need to rest on Sunday mornings? Well, if you answered yes to these questions, then I have an opportunity that might meet your spiritual needs. On six consecutive Sunday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., you are invited to join me and Adam Hamilton in a Bible Study called "The Call- the Life and Message of the Apostle Paul." This study will follow the journeys of Paul in Greece and Turkey with on-location views and thoughtful insights. To sign up for a student guide, please contact the church office. Each study guide will cost \$13.

Middle School Volunteer Program

There is a real opportunity for volunteers in the Silsbee Middle School, and we have been invited back again by Principal Sunee Stephens. Some of the opportunities include the following:

1. Help for the receptionist who has children and parents coming to her desk constantly.
2. Helping the administrative staff during lunch, to be with the children and visit with them.
3. Help in special needs classrooms, working one on one with teachers and students.
4. Help in most of the classrooms, especially if available on a particular day or time.

If you have some time to volunteer, please call the church office and let us know how you would like to become involved in this awesome program. The first step in volunteering is to stop by the SISD Administration Building on Hwy 327 West and fill out a simple form to have a background check. The church office is in the process of obtaining some of the volunteer forms, so hopefully they will be available in the office in the near future. Once you pass the background check and receive your photo ID badge, then please notify our church office, and we will get you involved in this great outreach!



First of all, I would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support for my first sermon on August 28th. I

would especially like to thank the Burton family for their very sweet note they sent to me about my sermon. Pastor David is going to be on vacation on the weekend of September 18th, so I will be preaching again in a couple of weeks.

Please email if you have not already Mrs. Voigtman at vvoigtman@gmail.com if you would like to help out with the Pumpkin Patch in October. We are scheduled for a delivery date of October 8th but please be aware that in the past the delivery date has come earlier or later than the scheduled time. The proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch are going to our youth group which will help us to be able to go on summer retreats and other outings. I look forward to selling as many pumpkins as possible.

Lastly, the youth now have their own section of the youth room in Craven's Hall set up with beanbags and sofas. I would like to thank Mrs. Auer for donating beanbags for our youth group to use. Thank you again for everyone who has provided food for the youth on Sunday nights.

God Bless,
Ben Schulz

Special Service to Honor those who protect on September 25

Police and Sheriff's personnel are often either taken for granted or vilified in our society. At First UMC, we would like to honor those who serve and protect us from various life circumstances. On September 25, we will have Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and one worship service in our sanctuary at 11:00 a.m. At the service, we will honor and recognize all law enforcement personnel who are present. Following the service, we will have an covered dish luncheon in the Dauphin Room of McDonough Hall. Members are encouraged to bring vegetables and desserts. The main entree will be supplied.

Director of Youth Ministries to Preach September 18

First UMC is proud to be on vacation. Everyone once again hear Ben Schulz preach the word in our worship services on September 18. Ben will be standing in for Pastor David who will be on vacation. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support Ben.

<u>Worship</u>		<u>Gifts</u>	
08/28	142	08/28	\$3,467.00
09/04	121	09/04	\$9,772.00
<u>Sunday School</u>			
08/28	88		
09/04	39		

First United Methodist Men's Gathering on October 4

One of the greatest segments of society missing from church participation is men. Pastor David Green is aware of this phenomenon and wants to do something to counteract it.

So, on October 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cravens Fellowship Hall, all men are invited for a time of fellowship, food, and inspirational study. Food will be provided by the pastor and all the men have to do is attend. The study time is the brand new (September 2016) release called "Letters from the Tackle Box" This study is an addition to the popular book, "Letters from Dad" by Greg Vaughn.



Grandparents to be Celebrated in September 11th worship

Since 1978, our nation has been encouraged to recognize the lonely elderly in nursing homes and the value of the wisdom provided by grandparents. On September 11 at both worship services, we will celebrate the importance and value of grandparents in our society. Each grandparent present will receive a gift.



The Southeast District welcomes

Bishop Scott Jones

Saturday

September 24, 2016

9:30 a.m. — Noon

Beaumont, Wesley

3810 N. Major Drive
Beaumont, TX 77706

Agenda for the Day

- 9:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m. Registration and Gathering (Welcome Center and Parlor)
- 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m. Presentation by Bishop Jones
- 11:00 a.m.—12 Noon Question & Answer Session
- 12 Noon Clergy and Spouses Luncheon with the Bishop

This meeting is not optional for clergy.

Lay Leadership encouraged to attend, but all Laity are invited.

Childcare provided

Please RSVP by September 19th with names and ages to tcobert@txcumc.org

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