

June is here and that can only mean the beginning of summer. Time where we can slow our hectic pace and enjoy evening cookouts and time around the table with our favorite iced drink. Baseball season is in full swing and the hope of college football is around the corner (less than 100 days). But for many it is a time of travel and a time of relaxation.

Growing up, summertime meant a trip to DFW to visit cousins and family reunions and Six Flags. It was a time of reuniting with family and enjoying one another. Other days of summer were spent in a fairly routine practice. In elementary school years, we would have a pattern of going to a friends, eating a peanut butter sandwich and soup then awaiting our 30 minutes as we watched Let's Make A Deal before we traveled to the pool to spend our afternoons swimming till the pool closed. It was hectic but a great way to grow up.

Now, as most of us have reached adulthood (at least chronologically), our summers are much different. The pattern of wake, work, rest still fills our days unless we take some vacation time off. Even at the church, some activities have stopped for the summer but some have taken it's place. This work of making disciples is a year round process.

Beginning in June, we will read through the Gospels and Acts in 90 days. Here we again will see the march of Christianity from Jesus to the beginnings of the church and the hope of the Church Triumphant. It becomes clear that the church and God never slows down. We continually go forward to become the people that God has created us to be.

The prophet Ezekiel wrote in Chapter 36:26,
I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you. I will remove your stony heart from your body and replace it with a living one,
Paul wrote 2 Corinthians 5:17, *"So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have Arrived."*

We are not created to just be, we are called to become, to be transformed, to remove our stony hearts and replace with a living one. Summertime it can be easy to slow down your religious life thinking that you can always pick it up again. Hebrews 10:25, *"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."*

Enjoy your summer and remember the church is still here.
In His Grace,
Kelly



2025

FIRST UNITED METHODIST



CHURCH

Grand Saline, TX 75140

Sunday Activities:

Sunday School—9:55 am

Worship—10:55 am

Tribe— 5:00pm

Office Hours:

Mon. – Thurs.

10am- Noon, 1- 3pm

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Senior Pastor
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Why God Created Fathers

*When God created Fathers, He made two loving arms
To cradle us and shelter us from the worldly harm.*

*When God created Fathers, He made a pair of hands
To care for us and guide us through our choices and our plans.*

*When God created Fathers, He made the warmest heart
To understand and give our lives a happy, loving start.*

*Why God created Fathers, is not a mystery. . .
He meant to share His love with us and did it perfectly.*

Father's Day June 15, 2025

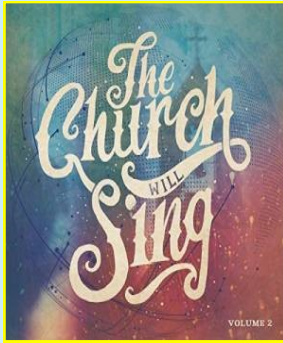
May all you wonderful

Dads enjoy a

Happy Father's Day

Top 25 Favorite Hymns of FUMC Grand Saline

Summer of 2025



1. I'll Fly Away, TFWS 2282
2. Amazing Grace, UMH 378
3. Standing on the Promises, UMH 374
4. How Great Thou Art, UMH 77

5. When We All Get to Heaven, UMH 701



6. Love Lifted Me, WS 3101, green book

7. The Old Rugged Cross, UMH 504



8. What a Friend We Have in Jesus, UMH 526



9. It is Well with My Soul, UMH 377

10. Because He Lives, UMH 364



11. Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling, UMH 348



12. Have Thine Own Way, Lord, UMH 382

13. He Touched Me, UMH 367



14. Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone, WS 3104, green book



15. Trust and Obey, UMH 467

16. Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, UMH 462



17. Since Jesus Came Into My Heart, TFWS 2140



18. Great is Thy Faithfulness, UMH 140

19. Nothing but the Blood, UMH 362

20. Precious Lord, Take My Hand, UMH 474



21. Victory in Jesus, UMH 370



22. Here I Am, Lord, UMH 593

23. Majesty, Worship His Majesty, UMH 176



24. Awesome God, TFWS 2040



25. Lord, I Lift Your Name on High, TFWS 2088



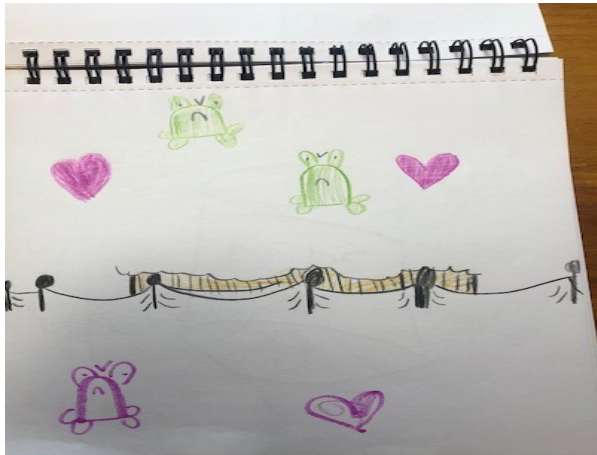
Reception for 2025 FUMC Graduates



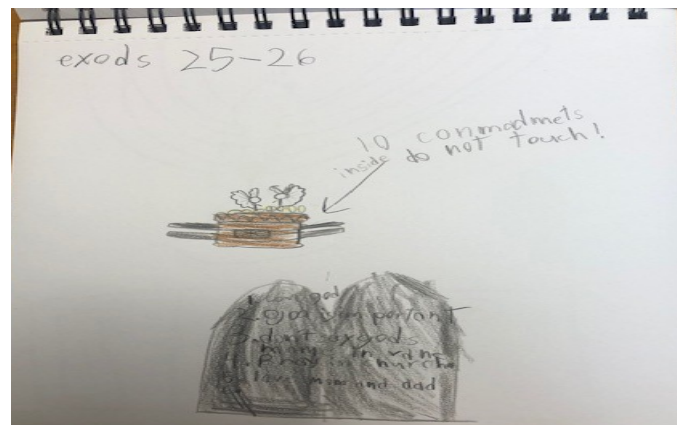


Children's Sunday School

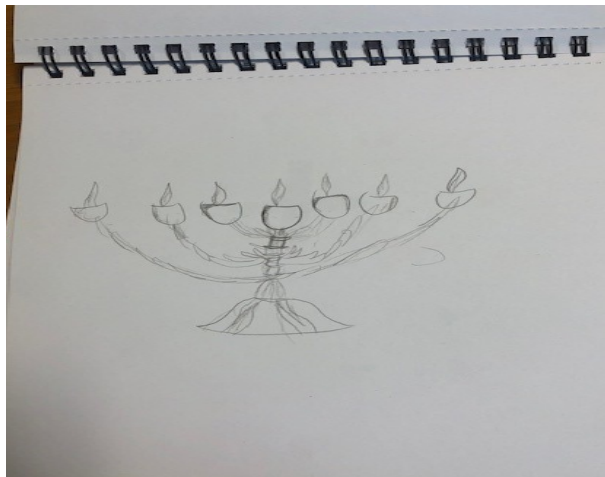
Join us at 9:55am



The Tabernacle



The 10 Commandments



The Menorah



The Red Sea

The students in 3rd thru 5th grade Sunday School Class have been working thru

The Bible made easy for Kids.

Currently, we are reading the Old Testament Stories together, and then they draw something they have read about in their "Sketch Book" and note the scripture relating to the sketch. In years to come they will have their drawings to remind them of their stories. The book gives the Biblical story and then helps apply the scriptures to their lives.

We have also learned the books of the Old Testament sung to a familiar tune and will soon start on the Books of the New Testament.

The first page of their Sketch Book is the Nicene Creed printed in their own handwriting. Many thanks to the teachers who work with these students: Brenda Miller, Debbie Zajac, Pam Harrison, and Gail Hill.

S.A.L.T. Groups of FUMC Grand Saline
Serving and Loving Together

Beginning in July, we will create 3 to 4 S.A.L.T. groups that will meet bi-weekly at someone's home with the purpose of strengthening our Christian walk together. These groups will gather not for information but be willing to share your Christian walk with one another for the goal of transformation. The Christian life is not about knowing the right things but about living in Christ.

Wesley understood Christian discipleship is more like an apprenticeship to Jesus than a scholarly endeavor where one masters a body of knowledge. Wesley created this process that allowed people to grow their character in Christ and hold one another accountable.

The group will be 7 to 12 people that will agree to meet and share their response to selected questions asking "how is it with your soul?" They participants are their to share their experiences with Christian discipleship and to encourage, support and pray for one another.

The goal again is transformation not information. Sign up sheets will be going up in June.

"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other." Mark 9:50 NIV

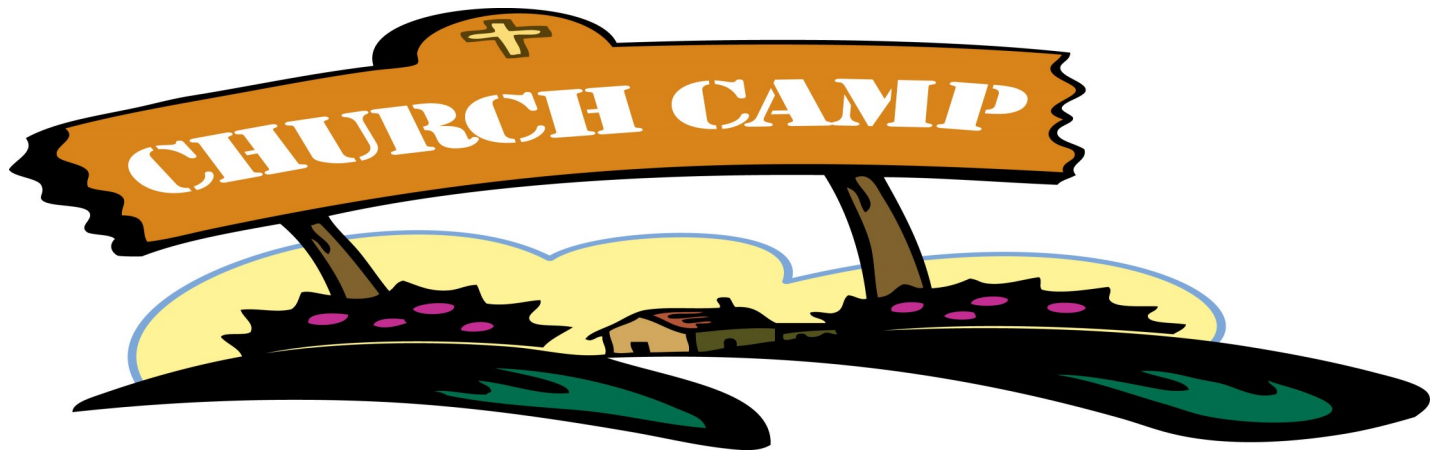
Pastor Kelly



Workers needed for
Church Nursery.
If you are interested,
please contact Gail Hill,
903-312-5283



The Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:50am to 10:45am in the Pairs and Spares room, directly next door to the Church Office. We love new members, and you will be welcomed with loving, friendly faces. Someone in our class will greet you at the door and make you feel right at home. **Please join us.** If you are interested in attending our class, just come on in! Any questions, please call Emile Clifford, Class Teacher- (903) 360-0924, and—we look forward to seeing you! Our June lessons are in the Book of Genesis.



At Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

June 16th ~ June 20th

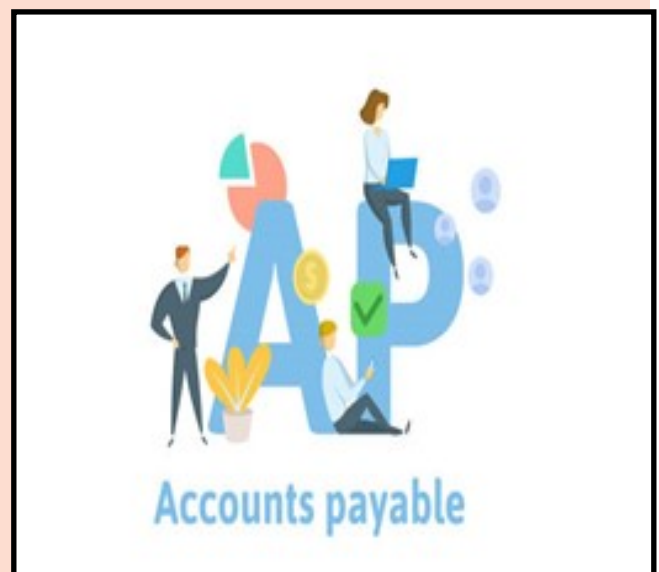
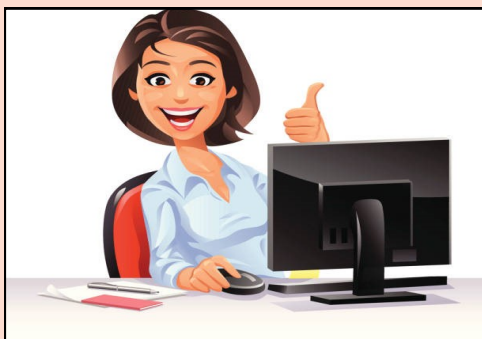
Palestine Texas

We are looking for volunteers to help with our Accounts Payable.

QuickBooks Online is what we utilize.

You will be working with Randall Gary and Maxine Watson to begin the process. If you are interested, reach out to the church office (903) 962-3151) and we can set a time to meet.

Dr. Kelly Krone
Pastor
First United Methodist Church
Grand Saline, Texas



The Craft Group

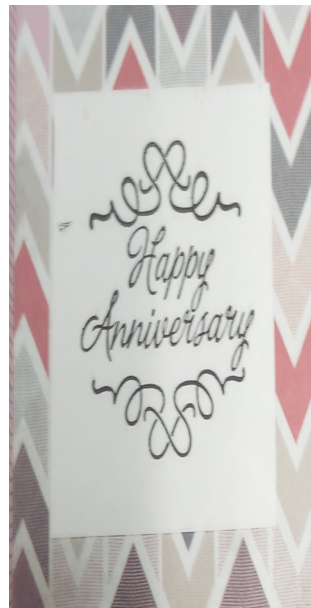
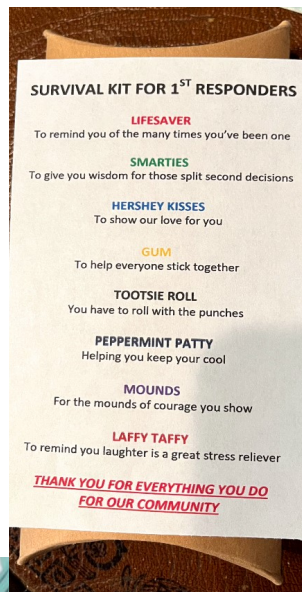
The Crafters are creating cards for the Brunch Bunch to send from the Church. We are also making a gift for First Responders in Grand Saline, made by the Crafters.

Everyone is invited to help as we provide this Ministry to the Community. During the Summer months we will meet the 1st Tuesday of the month. The rest of the year, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. We would love to have you join us. Supplies are provided.

Jolene Morgan
(903) 738-1789



by GSFUMC Craft Group



Breaking Bread *Community* Food Pantry



"For I was hungry and
you gave me food."
(Matthew 25:35a)

903-962-3151

**1st & 3rd
THURSDAYS
4PM - 6PM**

Serving our neighbors in the
Grand Saline & Fruitvale ISDs

Breaking Bread News

Things at our pantry are as smooth as a new jar of Skippy peanut butter! Thank you so much for making this mission such a wonderful outreach!

If you are wanting to help fill our shelves, we always appreciate ranch style beans, pork and beans, and/or spaghetti sauces. The shelves at ETFB are still pretty empty, and the freezers are under construction, but all is well.

Our local mail carriers participated in a food drive of which we were the beneficiary. We were able to fill our extras table with lots of choices of things that we can not get through the food bank. Give Pam Harrison a hug next time you see her.

God is good! All the time!
Happy Summer!
blairbear :)





Children's Christian Academy will
begin Newsletter articles again in August.

Eva Carnes, Director

Youth Sunday School

Middle School and High School

EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION

Growing in Christ



Angela Gowins, Teacher



The Brunch Bunch is a Ministry of our Church that sends greeting cards to help someone's day be better and know they are loved and thought about! If anyone has a special person that we can send a card to, please contact Sue Myers and we will be happy to send it. We hope you will join us for this rewarding Ministry. As we say, ***"the more the merrier."*** Praise God to all those who come to make out cards and to those receiving them.

Our meeting was on May 27th, Bob Gray began our meeting with prayer.. Those present: Sue & Dean Myers, Bob Gray, Patsy Crow, Emile Clifford and Gail Hill.

We sent out 43 cards for the month of June and praying that they will send sunshine and a smile to all who receive...

Our next Brunch Bunch meeting is Tuesday, June 30th at 11:00am, we will be sending cards for July 2025. We always have a delicious lunch! If you would like to come, just bring yourself and a dish or just join us to encourage others.

We always have a wonderful gathering, enjoying the company and making out cards to those who need some love and comfort at this time.

Love in Jesus,

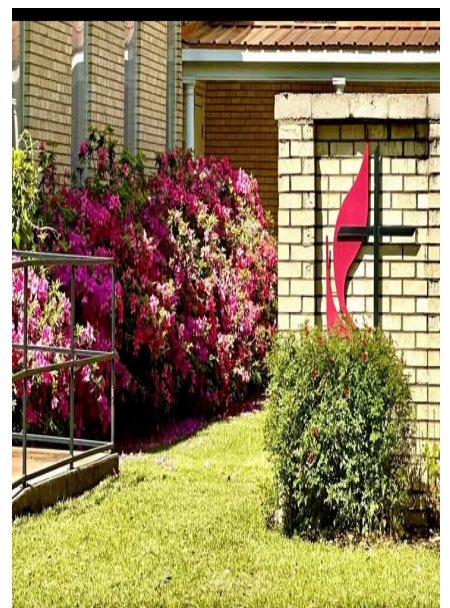
Sue Myers (817) 475-8884



The Flower Chart for 2025 is up in the Narthex. If you would like to sign up to have flowers in memory of or in Honor of someone and the date you would like. The Crafters can make the arrangement for a \$20.00 donation to the Craft Group. You may bring fresh flowers or have a Florist deliver them to the Church on Saturday before the specified Sunday.

If you have any questions, please call Jolene Morgan (903) 738-2789 or the Church office (903) 962-3151.







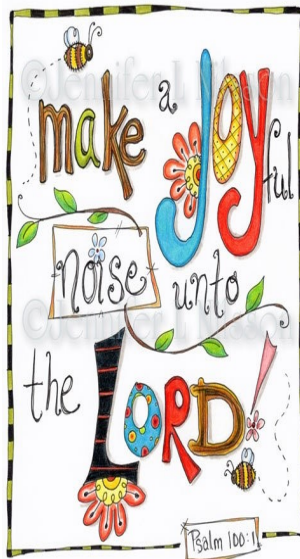
The Joy Choir blessed the congregation on Mothers day playing chimes, handbells and singing. We are now on Summer break, but hope during Bible School we will have some review activities - watch for the July Newsletter for upcoming news.

We welcome new members from our church and the community.

Please pray for our ministry!

In Loving Service,

Gail and Martha



Adult Handbells and Adult Choir are on break for the Summer.

If you know of someone who would like to sing a Solo, Duets or other Musical Groups interested in singing during Worship, please notify the office.

The Joy Choir



The Joy Choir is preparing music to share with the Congregation, and we are having fun along the way.

The Gathering Sunday School class meets at 9:55am

"Multiple generations on a journey seeking to live as Christians today."

The Wired Word curriculum used by The Gathering Class uses Scripture and current events to encourage learning through thoughtful discussion. Each week we examine a current event and Scripture selected by The Wired Word to find relevance for our lives whether it be our family, work, or church relationships. We look forward to the New Year.

Ginni Biggs—Leader



*Tribe is on
Summer
break*



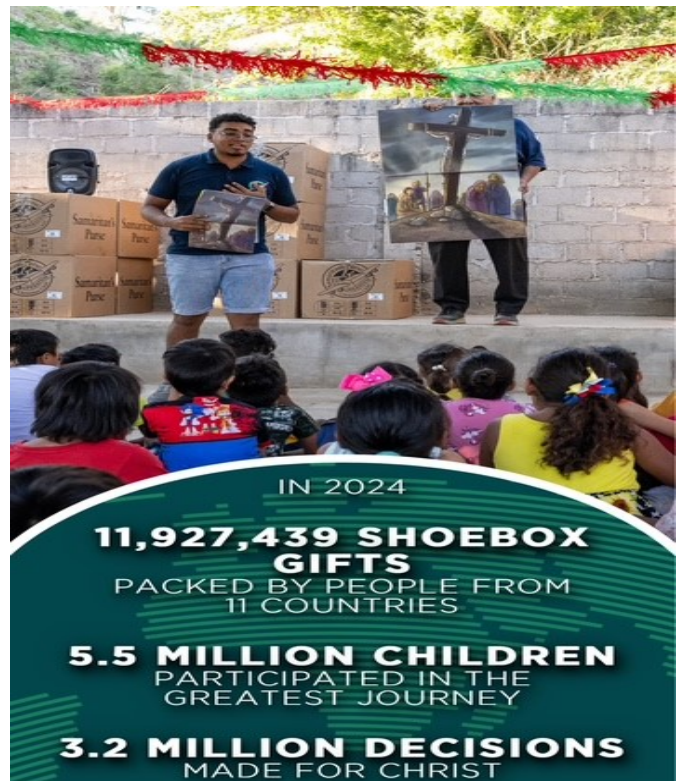
Bible Study Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

No Bible Study on these dates: May 7, May 14, October 1, October 8, November 26, December 24, December 31

*Tom and Beverly Rodgers home
8602 FM 16, Van*



Operation Christmas Child



Men's Breakfast

Food, Fellowship & Faith

2nd Saturday each month
at 8:00am
in the Genesis Building

Oh, what fun!! Another joyful
Breakfast Club! ❤️



FUMC Women's Breakfast

3rd Saturday each month at 8:30am

First United Methodist Church Cross Wall's

If you would like to have a Cross on the wall, please contact Pastor Kelly or Maxine in the office.

The procedure is: purchase a Cross of your choice, bring it to the office with a note of how you would like the inscription on the plaque. (usually two lines will fit, sometimes 3).

The cost for the plaque is \$25.00, make the check payable to the Church and add Cross Wall in the memo. There is lots of room left on the 2nd wall!





food

games

family

*Join us for a night of great
fellowship,
good food and a night of fun!!*

First Wednesday
each month at 6:00pm
in the Genesis Building

Taco Tuesday gathering every
Tuesday at the Dairy Queen in
Van @ 1:00pm





Month of June 2025

1st : Dave Orchard & Kay Barber

8th : Tom Rodgers & Larry Tull

15th : Gary Barber & Pam Orchard

22nd : Dave Orchard & Kay Barber

29th : Tom Rodgers & Larry Tull



Pastor Kelly and his family, Jolene and Jimmie Morgan, Jim Berry, Beverly Lowry, Gail Hill, Chase Fisher, Bill Berry (Jim Berry's brother), Elaine Gwaltney (Gail Hill's cousin), Bill and Lisa Waldon (Sue Myers's daughter and son-in-law), Sue Duncan (Janet Cheatham's sister-in-law), Karla Friedman, Delois Currey, Dolores Means, Dean Stone, Nina Hernandez, Claudeane Sublett, Jaye Easterwood, Maxine Moore (Jaye Easterwood's sister), Dean Stone, Montgomery Martin (Sue Myers's grandson), Jane Johnson (Jim Berry's sister), Doris Welch (Marilyn Smith's sister), Shannon Curtis -heart problems, Tom Faggart, Cathy Masters, Laiken Welch (Brenda Miller's niece), Tommie German, Jane Kepler, Danny Storey (Dr. Ron and Kay Sherbert's brother-in-law), Deena Kirkpatrick (member of Jill Krone's Church), Ann Berry, Asher Hawkins, Corbon Heizer (Gail Hill's grandson), Ron and Lou Lewis (Marilyn Smith's cousin), Wanda Hickman, Heidi Abell (Sue Myers's daughter), Scott Nemeth, Shirley Alvey, Robert Good, Carolyn Thorn (Bruce & Janet Cheatham's niece), Tom Matthews, Hunter Redman (Family friend of Dean and Ann Stone), Kay Sherbert, Suzan Storey (Dr. Rons sister), Mary and Brianne Garcia (Kathy Lea's sister and niece), Laura Davis (Dean Phillips Grandmother), Jay Moore and family (his Mother passed away), Melanie Rodgers, Maxine's cousin (her husband passed away).

Presence and Gifts for May 2025

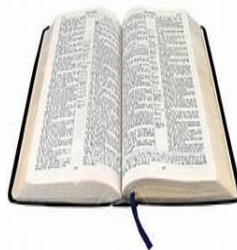
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| 05/04 - 45 | 05/04 - \$ 5,736.30 |
| 05/11 - 64 | 05/11 - \$ 2,461.75 |
| 05/18 - 57 | 05/18 - \$ 3,083.00 |
| 05/25 - 48 | 05/25 - \$ 3,916.00 |

When making a check to a Ministry of the Church, make check payable to FUMC and

add the specific Ministry at the bottom of the check.

Scripture Readers for June 2025

06/01 - Blair Currey
06/08 - Sue Myers
06/15 - Kathy Lea
06/22 - Ginni Biggs
06/29 - Kandace Phillips



Ushers for June
Bobby Calhoun & Dean Stone



2025

A Community on a Journey to Love God and Love Others

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|--|---|---|
| 1. Sunday School 9:55am Worship 10:55 am Graduate Reception after Service | 2. | 3. Craft Group 10am <i>Tish Conatser Birthday</i> | 4. Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home <i>James Bryant Birthday</i> | 5. Food Pantry 4-6pm | 6. | 7. |
| 8. Communion Sunday School 9:55am Worship 10:55 am | 9. | 10. | 11. Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home | 12. | 13. | 14. Men's Breakfast 8:00am in Genesis Building <i>Sue Myers Birthday</i> |
| 15. Father's Day Sunday School 9:55am Worship 10:55 am Board of Stewards Meeting 3:00pm | 16. <i>Youth Camp</i> | 17. <i>Youth Camp</i> | 18. <i>Youth Camp</i> Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home <i>Jimmie Morgan Birthday</i> | 19. <i>Youth Camp</i> Food Pantry 4- 6pm | 20. <i>Youth Camp</i> <i>Richard & Joyce Cross Anniversary</i> <i>Delois Curey Birthday</i> | 21. Women's Breakfast 8:30am |
| 22. Sunday School 9:55am Worship: 10:55am 3:00pm - Board of Stewards | 23. | 24. | 25. Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home | 26. <i>Tom Ridout Birthday</i> <i>Avery Gowins Birthday</i> | 27. Food Truck 10am Grand Saline H.S. | 28. <i>John Wesley Birthday 1703</i> |
| 29. Sunday School 9: 55 am Worship 10:55am Church Picnic after Service at Berry Nursery | 30. Brunch Bunch 11am | | | | | |

May the God of hope fill
you with all joy and peace
as you trust in him, so
that you may overflow
with hope by the power
of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13

Church Office Hours

Monday -Thursday
10:00 am -12:00 pm

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Phone# (903) 962-3151