

Stevens Chapel UMC

NEWSLETTER



MINISTRY WITHIN STEVENS CHAPEL UMC

The last few months have been challenging. Members and family members have been dealing with many challenges to include illnesses, homegoing services, and financial strain. Our ministry has required that we take care of ourselves, as we are taking care of our loved ones. April has brought the Eclipse experience and the annual Tax Day, and rain. The members of Stevens Chapel UMC are few, but they are always willing to serve the Lord's people.

Technology is such an asset during those times when life happens, we can still worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth. So, if the members are too ill to attend worship service face-to-face then we have another option.

APRIL SHOWERS



April showers bring May flowers! The rain has been plentiful over the last few weeks. It was beautiful to see the dandelions that were growing from the ground at Stevens Chapel UMC. This was a new development. Why did the dandelions start growing? We do not know, but it was better than weeds growing on the church grounds.

Research shows that dandelion leaves act as a diuretic. The leaves are used to stimulate the appetite and help digestion. Also, a dandelion flower has antioxidant properties. Not to mention, a dandelion may also help improve the immune system. The bright yellow dandelions were an added addition to the lawn and a reminder of the beauty that surrounds us. God is good!

General Conference (April 23-May 3, 2024)

Everything Church Leaders need to know about the UMC's General Conference will be available! United Methodists from around the world will gather in Charlotte, NC, to conduct the 2020 General Conference that had been postponed and cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Book of Discipline makes no provision for skipping one of the quadrennial legislative meetings, so it will be held, although a little late.



General Conference 2024 Information

Delegates are gearing up for this special event and the local churches, leadership, and members are eager to learn of the outcome.



EARTH DAY

Monday, April 22, 2024

Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for the environment protection. It was first held in 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by Earthday.org including one billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2024 is "Plant vs. Plastics."

There are two new plants in the Sanctuary at Stevens Chapel UMC and plants like people require attention. In honor of the Lord's living entities, we care for the plants by watering them. A few weeks ago, it was discovered that one of the plants was drooping and the members of the church jumped into action. Watering and praying for the plant, to take care of what the Lord provided for His own. To date, the plants are thriving and we are blessed to enjoy the greenery in the Sanctuary.

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers. (Psalm 24:1-2 NRSV)

Birthdays

April 7 - Nettie Brown, Sr.

April 19 - C. John Williams, Jr.

Anniversary

April 27 - Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Janice Collins

April Devotional

Gracious God, in all our transitions, help us to trust in your guidance and submit to your will. Grant us the wisdom and strength to serve you in all that we do.

Meditation Scripture: In every season of change we can trust that God is working all things together for our good. (Romans 8:28)

Rio Texas Annual Conference

June 5 - June 8, 2024

Corpus Christi, TX



What are some of the benefits of remaining with The United Methodist Church?

The UMC is a connectional system; meaning no church stands alone. We are comprised of districts, conferences and jurisdictions to ensure each local church is empowered to make disciples for Jesus Christ. Whether churches pay apportionments or participate in this larger connectional system, each church receives a pastor to ensure the mission and ministry of the local congregation continues. We also pool our resources to make a bigger global impact through supporting initiatives such as Africa University, Imagine No Malaria, UMCOR and other disaster response, grants, scholarships and much more. In good times and in bad, we are joined together knowing that we support one another in mission and ministry.

Upcoming Schulenburg Community Events/Opportunities

APRIL 2024

April 6, 2024 - Women's Conference at St. James Missionary Baptist Church, Schulenburg, TX

MAY 2024

May 2, 2024 National Day of Prayer activity from 7am-7pm (8am - corporate prayer) at First Baptist Church (FBC) of Schulenburg, Schulenburg, TX

May 12, 2024 - Mother's Day Service

May 19, 2024 - Baccalaureate Service at 6pm, St. Rose Catholic Church, Schulenburg, TX

May 25, 2024 - Miss Audreanna Medrano's High School graduation, Victoria, TX

May 27, 2024 - Memorial Day

JUNE 2024

June 7-8, 2024 - Rare Conditions Conference, Los Angeles, CA

June 5-8, 2024 - Rio Texas Annual Conference, Corpus Christi, TX

June 19, 2024 - Juneteenth Celebration, Schulenburg, TX

JULY 2024

July 4, 2024 - "Happy Fourth of July"

April 2024

Training a new Acolyte Finance Secretary is as Bro Ivan Runnels, Runnels observe.



... Sis Janice Collins, assisting Little Miss Miya Treasurer and Sis Brenda

Stevens Chapel UMC Pastor of the passing of Mrs. Eula Reverend Charles Purnell. Her Windcrest United Methodist Church (UMC) on Saturday, April 27, 2024. A fond memory of "the late" Reverend Charles and Mrs. Eula Purnell is when they attended the Annual ALS Christmas party at University UMC. ALS, or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord.



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, Pastor Evins, and members of First Methodist Church of Schulenburg for the loss of Sandra D. Mendel. Her Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, April 20, 2024.





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