

# NEWSLETTER

## AMERICA TURNS 250 YEARS OLD

A Freedom 250 celebration was held in Seguin, TX and 250 flags could be seen at a local church near highway 90. The event Freedom 250 event was held in the downtown area bringing together the community! There was music, food trucks, and activities for children to enjoy. Tickets for the upcoming Guadalupe Fair were

given out and families were gathering to enjoy the festivities.

Pastor Jeanette Jackson and members of Wesley Chapel UMC were present at their sausage booth and represented the Central District & Rio Texas Conference in a loving, joyful, and courageous manner.



### FIVE YEARS OF SERVING AT STEVENS CHAPEL UMC

Pastor & Parishoner Appreciation Service on Sunday, July 12, 2026 at 3pm. During the Pandemic the in-person worship experience was impacted and the Crossroads District Supt reached out to Rev Dr. Pamela Sattiewhite and she has remained faithful to the members of Stevens Chapel UMC and the Schulenburg community!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**JULY 25, 2026** | **10AM - 3PM**

♥ **MULTIGENERATIONAL & MULTICULTURAL FOCUS** ♥

**Theme: The Family Table**

**Scripture: Romans 15:7**  
"love one another"

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This one-day event is open to all ages. on Saturday, July 25, 2026 from 10am - 3pm.

### FUSION 2026 ~ WORSHIP MUSIC CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2026

Calling all worship leaders, worship planners, pastors, music directors, singers, band members, AV technicians, volunteers, and others! Fusion: Worship Music Conference is a weekend workshop designed to empower United Methodist pastors and musicians to lead vibrant, contemporary worship experiences rooted in theological integrity.

Hosted by Discipleship Ministries in partnership with The Institute for Modern Worship, this hands-on event responds to a growing need for practical guidance in integrating modern and traditional worship styles within the UMC.. Registration Fee ends: 7/15/2026

## EMPOWERING LAITY LEADERSHIP

The laity members of Stevens Chapel UMC continue to rise up and take on new responsibilities. Mrs. Janice Collins coordinates the "free" monthly meals along with Mrs. Brenda Runnels and they have recruited volunteers. Mr. Ivan Runnels manages the budget and coordinates building & lawncare issues. Bro June Collins is always eager to assist as needed. Most recently, Ms. Kathryn Moore and her grandson Preston just returned from Rio Texas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi, Texas as a Lay Delegate.



## EXPLORING EMBRACING AN ADVERBIAL FAITH

Stevens Chapel UMC will embark on a 6-week study that will help explore and embody the Bishop's vision, Discipleship Ministries offers a six-week worship series and small group study titled Embracing an Adverbial Faith. The series invites congregations to go deeper into what it means to love, serve, and lead not as obligations, but as expressions of a life formed by the Holy Spirit.

Love Boldly. Serve Joyfully. Lead Courageously.

## REMEMBERING KERRVILLE, TX

The flood of 2025 impacted so many lives, and we continue to pray for everyone who was impacted and prayers are lifted for their loved ones. Let us remember that there is no timeline for grief and a kind word and/or deed goes a long way.

Last summer, my sister and I had a wonder time in Kerrville and enjoyed the day at "The Coming King Sculpture Prayer Garden.



## SACRED SISTERS CLERGYWOMEN RETREAT JULY 27-30, 2026

Sacred Sisters Summer Retreat! The retreat will take place in person from July 27-30, 2026, at the Lake Huron Retreat Center in Township, Michigan.

Our theme this year is "Beside the Still Waters," focusing on Psalm 23. We are honored to have Min. Linda Anderson Gaines, a gifted workshop leader and guide, lead us through this experience.





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## Freedom 250 Highlights



### 250 Flags

The 250 Flag display was dedicated to individuals and what very symbolic. At 8:15pm the lights were turned on and it made the display of flags even more beautiful.



### Wesley Chapel UMC

Involved in community event at Freedom 250. Pastor Jeanette Jackson and members of Wesley Chapel UMC, Seguin, Texas.



### Flag made from balloons

A creative expression and a colorful display at the Freedom 250 event in Seguin, Texas.



### Restitution Revival United Church

Restitution Revival United Church of Schulenburg, TX held service from 12pm to 2pm on Saturday, July 4, 2026 and service will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2026.

Pastor Sha-Ron Heslep

### 250 years of Mercy, Strength, & Hope

- Dear God,  
Thank you for this day. Thank you for the freedom we celebrate on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. We ask for your blessings on this country and our people. Help our leaders to make wise decisions. Keep our soldiers safe. Give us peace and unity. Let us always remember to be kind to each other, to help when we can, and to love our neighbor. We give you glory and praise. In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen