



# FUMC NEWS

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## **\*Pastor's Perspective—World Communion Sunday\***

**“You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.”**

Since 1972, the United Methodist Church, along with many other denominations, such as Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, Roman Catholic, among many others, have joined in prayer and in the celebration of Holy Communion as a sign of Christian Unity. Like the scripture Paul writes in Ephesians, “We have all been Clothed in Christ and because of the powerful love and grace of God, we are made to be all equal in God’s eyes. *There is neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*”

World Communion is the first Sunday in October, the 4th. Since 1972, the United Methodist Church, along with many other denominations has celebrated Christian unity with prayers, music and Holy Communion. Paul makes it clear, that we are all one in Christ. This year on World Communion Sunday we will remember our brothers and sisters across the globe as we break bread and share the cup together.

The Altar area will look very different on Oct 4th. I will have breads from around the world. This will be a visual reminder of our global diversity. On each package there will be a note telling you what kind of bread it is and a little about the culture from its origins. You and your family are invited to take a package of bread with you and, as you share it with your friends or family, pray for the people of that county.

Let us remember that we, the church universal, celebrate this Holy meal together. The words in the of the hymn, “One Bread, One Body” reflect the intention behind World Communion Sunday:

*Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more,  
Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.  
One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing  
which we bless. And we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.*

United Methodist Hymnal, page 620

Grace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Pastor Valli



## Children's Sabbath

*“People were also bringing babies to Jesus to have him touch them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”*

Sunday the 18th of October is Children's Sabbath. On this Sunday we will remember and celebrate our most precious gift, the children and youth of our church. Our Children and youth are invited to read scripture, take the noisy offering, lead the prayers and provide some lively music. The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be presented Bibles and at the end of service, we will have a Big Red Balloon Prayer release.

### List of Children who will receive Bibles

Rebekah Boehme  
 Emily Cashion  
 Jacqueline Clark  
 Aiden “Gabe” Heeron  
 Kaycee Kaiser  
 Kylie Litzner  
 Laiken Moreno  
 Madison Purchis  
 Noah Riou

We will conclude service with the Big Red Balloon Prayer. Melody Riou, Colby Cashion and I will be working with the children in a rehearsal after church on Sunday Oct 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am.

This will be my first opportunity to meet many of you and your children for the very first time! I am really looking forward to our ministry together.

### Children's Sabbath Schedule

Rehearsal Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> after church 11:00 – 12:30 pizza will be provided.  
 Rehearsal Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup> 10:00-11:00am Sanctuary.

Yours in Christ,  
 Pastor Valli Blair

## \* Pastor's Perspective—All Saints Day \*

Sunday, November 1, is All Saints Day. All Saints is the day we as a community of faith remember and celebrate the lives of those in our congregation who have died throughout the year. Remembering and giving thanks for those whom we have loved is an important day for the church. On Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will take time to honor each one with prayer, music and candles. During worship, we will light a memorial candle in honor of these sisters and brothers in faith. We will also have a time of reflection with photos and special music. After Holy Communion, any who would like to write the name of a loved one on the All Saints banner, pray and perhaps light a candle, may do that in the Angle Garden located outside the Sanctuary.

All Saints Day is a day of celebration for the lives of those whom we cherish and give thanks. If you, or someone you know, has experienced the loss of a loved one, please make a point of inviting them to attend All Saints Day Worship with you. I believe that God uses this service to touch those who are in need of healing. So, come let us worship together and proclaim the everlasting love of our God!

### A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHOM WE HAVE LOVED AND ARE NOW WITH THE LORD

*Everlasting God,*

*This day revive in us memories of loved ones who are no more.*

*What happiness we shared when they walked among us.*

*What joy, when, loving and being loved, we lived our lives together.*

*Months or years may have passed, and still we feel near to them.*

*Our hearts yearn for them.*

*Though the bitter grief has softened, a duller pain abides;*

*For the place where once they stood is empty now.*

*The links of life are broken, but the links of love and longing cannot be broken.*

*We see them now with the eye of memory, their faults forgiven,*

*Their virtues grown larger. So does goodness live and weakness fade*

*From sight. We remember them with gratitude and bless their names.*

**Patsy Walters**

**Tommy Williams**

**Francis Taylor**

**Kay Redus**

**Helen Splawn**

**Clara Heimer**

*And we remember, as well, the members who, but yesterday, were part of our congregation and community.*

*To all who cared for us and labored for all people, we pay tribute. May we prove worthy of carrying on our faith, for now the task is ours. We give you thanks that they now live and reign with you. As a great crowd of witnesses, they surround us with their blessings, and offer you hymns of praise and thanksgiving... They are alive for evermore.*

On Thursday, October 15, from 6-8pm, Dinah Argo will be leading a Grief Share program called "Surviving the Holidays." (Please see next page for more information.)

Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Valli

# Grieving?

*Know someone who is?*



When you are grieving a loved one's death, the holiday season can be especially painful. Our ***Surviving the Holidays*** seminar helps participants discover:

- How to deal with emotions
- What to do about traditions
- Helpful tips for surviving social events
- How to find hope for the future

## **SURVIVING** THE **HOLIDAYS**

Please join us for this encouraging seminar.

**GRIEF**  **SHARE**<sup>®</sup>  
[www.griefshare.org/holidays](http://www.griefshare.org/holidays)

**Date:** Thursday, October 15, 2020  
**Time:** 6:00-8:00 pm  
**Location:** Devine Methodist Church  
Asbury Room  
212 W Benton Rd, 78016  
**RSVP or Info:** 830-663-3185

## \* Operation Christian Love \*

We are collecting gifts for the children along the border. We are collecting balls, cars & trucks, dolls, and jump ropes, At the Devine Dollar Tree they are holding back their inventory on these just for us, so ask them.



Thank You to  
**EVERYONE** who has  
been bringing items for  
Operation Christmas  
Love. Please, keep it up!

In the areas of extreme poverty, adults sometimes come for a gift. We always try to have something for them. Sweat shirts and pants, warm hoodies, caps and gloves are desperately needed.

There are also gifts that are for all ages: Warm neck scarfs, pillow cases, masks for virus usage, & warm coverlets.

The most important items are small crocheted crosses. Our sweet Kay Redus started making and handing these out as Bible page markers in the late 1950's and continued the rest of her life. Operation Christian Love has been handing them out since 2004. We like each person, child or adult to receive one. People from all over Texas have helped with the cross project, but this year we are short about 500 crosses. They are simple to crochet. We can use similar ones by different designs also.



## \* Texercise Online\*



**VIRTUAL TEXERCISE SELECT CLASS SERIES**  
JOIN US TWICE A WEEK  
**TUESDAY & THURSDAY**  
**1 OCTOBER – 17 DECEMBER 2020**  
**2:00-3:30 P.M.**

### Exercise and Nutrition

Texercise is a statewide 10 week fitness program developed by the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services (DADS) to educate and involve Texans and their families in physical activities and proper nutrition. The Texercise program promotes activities among individuals, as well as community events that support fitness in all areas of life.

Texercise can help you:

- Promote a healthy lifestyle
- Minimize the impact of disease
- Reduce the cost of medical care



We will be exercising **remotely** (together) to help keep us independent and strong as we age. We will also discuss the benefits of physical activity and healthy eating. The only equipment required is a computer or smart device. **FREE class**

### Contact

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## \* **United Methodist Women/Men** \*



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### **United Methodist Women**

The UMW has not met recently due to COVID-19. The UMW Los Misiones District held their annual meeting on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Our unit is a 5-Star Unit and we have three 5-Star Women for 2020. The women are: Olga Bazan, Joyce Bennett and Judy Eaddy.

The San Antonio Food Bank is not offering Mobile Food Fairs at this time. But, thankfully, there are four food distributions held in Medina County each month in locations around the county.

Prayers that a vaccine to eradicate the Corona virus will be found soon and all we women will be able to meet in person for good food and great fellowship.

Blessings,  
Judy Eaddy, President

**Philippians 4:13**



### **United Methodist Men**

The UMM met on the 16<sup>th</sup> of September and it was decided that UMM will begin regular meetings on the first Wednesday of each month beginning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October. A meal will be prepared and served. We would encourage all men of the Church to attend and join in the fellowship as well as to help in the caretaking of your church. We will maintain social distancing and the wearing of masks during the meeting. We will meet at 6:00pm.

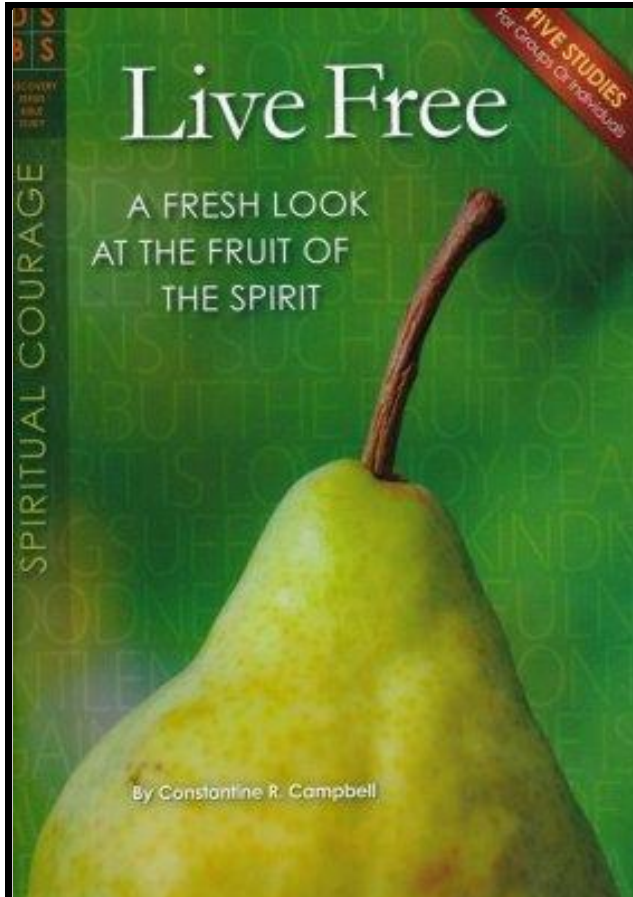
Tex Eaddy,  
Acting President

**IRON SHARPENS IRON (Proverbs 27:17)**





**\* Women's Bible Studies \***



**Tuesday Morning**  
Women's Bible Study  
9:00-11:00 am  
Probably in the Asbury Room  
Starting  
**Tuesday, October 13**

**ALSO**

**Thursday Evening**  
Women's Bible Study  
7:00-9:00 pm  
Probably in the Asbury Room  
Starting  
**Thursday, Oct. 15**

*Live Free: A Fresh Look at the Fruit of the Spirit*  
by Constantine R Campbell

This 5-session study of Galatians 5 brings clarity to what the fruit of the Spirit is...and isn't. It's not a list of instructions for how to live; it is a picture of the characteristics produced by the Holy Spirit that demonstrate to others your relationship with the Lord.

*Live Free* encourages you to allow the Holy Spirit to produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, and other Christlike qualities in your life.

Any questions, please contact  
Nan Gengler at 210-313-5174



## **\* Wesley Nurse News \***

Dear Devine Congregation and Community Members,

I want to thank all of you for your ongoing support as I continue to work from home. Currently, we still have no set date to return. However, together we have been able to continue to exemplify God's grace and love to those who need it most, despite these trying times. Throughout this event Lisa, our church secretary, continues to go above and beyond to ensure that as many benevolence services as possible continue to be provided. With the help of several congregation and community members prescription assistance has been able to continue. During this time I have discovered we can prevail with Christ's guidance, for that I thank all of you.

The Devine South Texas Rural Health Clinic continues to work with the Wesley Nurse program to provide Specialty Referral Services to those in need within our community. This program will continue to provide medical appointments with specialist to those who qualify. If you or someone you know may need this service, please have them make an appointment with me for more information.

At this time MHM has begun the hiring process to find coverage for the Hondo area; however, I will continue to provide coverage for already existing clients. I'm asking everyone to please call in advance if you need to speak to me. If I am unavailable, please leave a message on my machine and I will get back to you as soon as possible. I will continue to help as best as possible from home. Thank you for your understanding.

The Texas Diaper Bank and "My Healthy Child" class is ongoing through tele-education and social distancing delivery of supplies. If you know of anyone in need of this service, please have them call me and arrangements can be made. As with all other group gatherings and in person contact, once we can meet again the classes will resume. As always, any classes sponsored or offered by the WN program are open to the public and free of charge.

One final request, please complete your 2020 Census if you haven't done so. It is a way that our community can continue to receive funding in the future to help promote things like our food pantry, our non-profit organizations, our schools, and it even helps determine how much monetary assistance our community is eligible for during emergencies, crises, and pandemics. It's only happens every ten years and it only takes 10 minutes to complete, but it can help a community in need for a lifetime. If you need help or have questions on how to complete the Census, please feel free to contact me and I will help walk you through the process.

I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all who have and continue to donate to the WN fund. Continued support of the Wesley Nurse program has allowed the program to assist those in need, increase our community's educational opportunities and provide various medical assistance. If you feel led to support this program, there is a Wesley Nurse Fund established for donations.

If you would like to see a program, information, or event that you feel would benefit you or the community please contact me. You don't have to be a member in the Healthcare Ministry Team to partner with me in service to those in need in our community. Membership in this committee is appreciated, but not necessary for a one-time project or event.

God Bless,

Georjean Burnell, MSN, RN - Devine FUMC, Wesley Nurse

Telehealth Hours: M-F 8am - 5pm, 1-830-663-6108



## \* Budget/Trustees \*

### **CHURCH'S BUDGET SUMMARY**

	<u>August Only</u>	<u>Jan - Aug</u>
<i>Operating Donations</i>	\$16,894	\$116,940
<i>Operating Expenses</i>	16,215	135,308
<i>Operating Surplus (Deficit)</i>	679	(18,368)
<i>Designated Gifts</i>	\$1,598	\$12,626



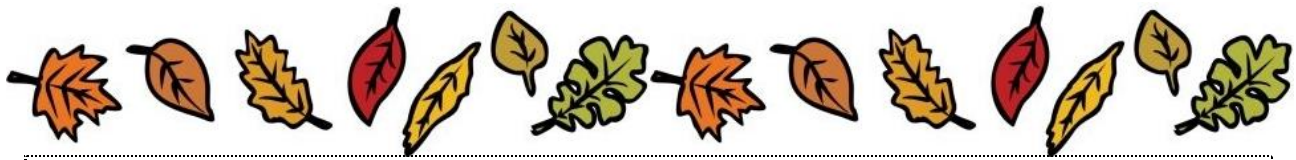
### **TRUSTEES CORNER**



The Board of Trustees held their scheduled monthly meeting in the Asbury Room on September 14, 2020. Members present were Kay Shultz, Judy Eaddy, Josephine Redus, Lewis Stroud, Colby Cashion, George Wall and Pastor Valli Blair.

One of the Board's main duties is to maintain our church property. Donations throughout the year determine what the Trustee budget is. For those wishing to make a donation to help pay for maintenance projects, like painting the church parsonage, members should designate their donation to the "Trustee Account." As a general rule, the Trustees will not start a project unless there are funds available to complete it.





## \* October Scripture Readings \*

### **October Scripture Readings:**

The following themes and Scripture readings are provided as a means to draw closer to God. They come from the Revised Common Lectionary, which groups Old Testament, Psalm, Epistle and Gospel readings together for each Sunday in a three year cycle. Read them prayerfully listening for God's voice.

#### **World Communion Sunday, October 4**

*Theme: Heaven proclaims God's glory.*

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

#### **Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 11**

*Theme: We are partners in ministry and creation with God.*

Exodus 32:1-14

Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23

Philippians 4:1-9

Matthew 22:1-14

#### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 18**

*Theme: God is holy, set apart, and beyond our comprehension. And yet, God is as close as our next breath, intimately connected with us.*

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

#### **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, October 25**

*Theme: Despite life's heartbreaks, we are called to remain faithful, to love God and our neighbors as ourselves.*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Matthew 22:34-46



**\* BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES \***



*Birthdays*

**OCTOBER**




Michelle Cashion

Melody Riou

Anita Ramirez

Mike Riou (son)

Bernice Wiemers

Coby & Stacy Pyron 

Deborah Williams

Kathleen Outlaw

Cameron Lyle

Fiona Lyle

Jacob Cashion

Stacy Pyron

Amanda & Marcous Cummings 

Wendy Carr

John Herring

Sue Bates

Amanda Cummings

Jacob & Michelle Cashion 

Deborah Strickler

Andrew Leitch

Caden Hurst



*Offerings*

**Rail Offering October 4  
World Communion Sunday**

Give generously TODAY to support World Communion Sunday scholarships for national and international graduate students, ethnic scholarships for national and international under-graduates studying within the United States, and ethnic in-service training (non-degree). Your gift today enables Ethnic students to change the world.

**Noisy Offering October 18  
Missionary Support**

We are sending this to Betty Tshala, missionary with the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, serves as Health Office/Board Coordinator in Zambia, Africa. Betty was born in Kolwezi, Democratic Republic of Congo and has earned her degree in Nursing and Hospitality. During her years of schooling, Betty attended social classes that shaped her life **"to be a servant"** and feels those experiences are followed closely by her favorite scripture, **"faith without work is nothing. I have been involved to serve the Lord Jesus Christ as my savior. In doing so I have come to follow social principles of serving people."** Betty feels people are dying because of the lack of knowledge and that her skills in the medical field and social sciences are tools she can use, with the help of God, to improve the standard of living in the communities she is called to serve. Betty sees her call to missionary service is to nurture people physically and spiritually.



# OCTOBER 2020



<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THUR</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>Note:</b> <b><u>SUNDAYS</u></b> <b>11 am</b> <b>worship</b>	<b>Note:</b> <b><u>YOGA</u></b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>Mon-</b> <b>Thurs</b>  <b><u>WALKING</u></b> <b>9:00am</b> <b>Mon &amp;</b> <b>Thurs</b>			<b>1</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>8:00-4:30</b> Annual Conference online <a href="https://www.facebook.com/RioTexas/">https://www.facebook.com/RioTexas/</a>
<b>4</b> <b>World</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b> <b>2pm</b> Line Dancing <b>4-5:30 pm</b> Girl Scouts 2nd&3rd Grd	<b>6</b> <b>6pm</b> Nominations Committee	<b>7</b> <b>5-5:45pm</b> Prayer Team <b>6pm</b> UMM Men's Mtg.	<b>8</b> <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>12pm</b> Kids 3yrs-6th grd Rehearse for Children's Sabbath/lunch provided	<b>12</b> <b>2pm</b> Line Dancing <b>6:30pm</b> Trustee Mtg.	<b>13</b> <b>9am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>14</b> <b>5-5:45pm</b> Prayer Team	<b>15</b> <b>6-8pm</b> GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays <b>7-9pm</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>10-11am</b> Kids 3yrs-6th grd Rehearse for Children's Sabbath in Sanctuary
<b>18</b> <b>Children's</b> <b>Sabbath &amp;</b> <b>Noisy</b> <b>Offering</b>	<b>19</b> <b>2pm</b> Line Dancing <b>4-5:30 pm</b> Girl Scouts 2nd&3rd Grd	<b>20</b> <b>9am</b> Women's Bible Study <b>6:30pm</b> Ad. Board Mtg.	<b>21</b> <b>5-5:45pm</b> Prayer Team	<b>22</b> <b>7-9pm</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>2pm</b> Line Dancing	<b>27</b> <b>9am</b> Women's Bible Study	<b>28</b> <b>5-5:45pm</b> Prayer Team	<b>29</b> <b>7-9pm</b> Women's Bible Study <b>7:30pm</b> AA Meeting	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>