



# THE *Messenger*

## BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING



Did you ever wonder why God chose Abraham...or Jacob...or Peter...or Judas, even? Was it because they were smarter than anyone else or better looking or more charming or richer?

No, of course not. Way back when God called Abraham, God was very clear WHY he was calling. And it's the same reason that God calls anyone...even you and me. Ready? Here it is:

***I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing... and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 12:2-3)***

That's it in a nutshell. We are chosen...we are called...we are blessed SO THAT through us others will be blessed. It's not about us. It's about God, and his love and passion for the whole world.

This year we will be focusing in our worship services and our ministries on the theme "Blessed to be a Blessing." We will look at different people in the scriptures and learn from them what it means to both be blessed and to bless. We will study the beatitudes that begin, "blessed are you when..." We will be challenged to truly thank God for the ways he has richly blessed us by reaching out to our neighbors and our world to bless others.

Wouldn't it be something if FUMC Lake Jackson became known in our community as being the Blessing Church? That's what I'm going for...come join me as we see where God leads us in the year to come.

Look forward to seeing you Sunday!

God BLESS,

***Lynne***

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# in JANUARY

<b>JANUARY 1:</b> Butch Munnerlyn Dwayne Pesek	<b>JANUARY 9:</b> David Munson Denise Fry Rosa Mertz	<b>JANUARY 18:</b> Shelly Donehue Abby Long Sybil Thompson	<b>JANUARY 25:</b> JoAnn Collier
<b>JANUARY 2:</b> Mark Guess Jason Tracy	<b>JANUARY 10:</b> Kayleigh Hicks Lem Davis Kathy Fisher Debbie Wintjen	<b>JANUARY 19:</b> Kathleen Lindsey Sharon Craig Beverly Barnhart	<b>JANUARY 26:</b> Mike Pelton Jayce Hemphill Micah Johnson Lola Mae Broaddus Erika Conaway
<b>JANUARY 4:</b> Paula Pelton Christopher Warren	<b>JANUARY 11:</b> Michael Martin Mike Hankinson	<b>JANUARY 20:</b> Jim Snyder	<b>JANUARY 27:</b> Amy Lee Jean Walz Amy Haase Megan Johnson
<b>JANUARY 5:</b> James King Janet Steffler	<b>JANUARY 12:</b> Patsy Jack	<b>JANUARY 21:</b> Elizabeth Daeschner Jackie Swisher	<b>JANUARY 28:</b> David Copeland, Jr.
<b>JANUARY 6:</b> Don Petersen	<b>JANUARY 13:</b> Samantha Holt Zachary Wintjen	<b>JANUARY 22:</b> Jaslyn Tracy Mildred Baker Harriet Whiteside Medina Barron	<b>JANUARY 30:</b> Jim Murray
<b>JANUARY 7:</b> Charlie Reimschissel Curly Leshikar Seung Jang	<b>JANUARY 14:</b> Diane McDowell	<b>JANUARY 24:</b> Brandon Wood Nicholas Moore Kaylyn Klehm	<b>JANUARY 31:</b> Dana Willis Luke Vollemaere
<b>JANUARY 8:</b> Amanda Duarte Stephen Kilbourn	<b>JANUARY 17:</b> Tessa DeAtley		



## HONORARIUMS .....

Donations have been made to FUMC in honor of:



John & Lynne Settlemyre  
Karen Bowman  
Church Office Staff  
Becky Wanieck  
Phyllis Motes  
Curly Leshikar  
Joe & Dorothy Morris

Harry Sargent  
Kay Alcott  
Laura Mays  
Chloe Taylor  
Mary Florence Platt  
Kimberly Bowers  
Bruce & Linda Neuman

by: Barbara Miller

## SYMPATHIES.....

On the death of:

TOMMIE "MOTTIE" CRAWFORD



*Sympathy*

Condolences can be sent to her daughter:

Dorothy Morris  
513 Southern Oaks Dr.  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

On the death of:

LAURA WALKER HOOVER



*Sympathy*

Condolences can be sent to her sister:

Terry Rios  
242 Caladium St.  
Lake Jackson, TX 77566

On the death of:

EMMA LUCILLE TROUT



*Sympathy*

Condolences can be sent to her daughter:

Judy Hequembourg  
1525 Heatherton Ct.  
Naperville, IL 60563-1116

On the death of:

GLADYS SHIPMAN



*Sympathy*

Condolences can be sent to her daughter:

Sandra Stevens  
16423 Brambling  
Houston, TX 77059

On the death of:

HENRY CLAY JONES



*Sympathy*

Condolences can be sent to his daughter:

Sandra Benke  
25906 Budde Rd.  
Spring, Texas 77380

On the death of:

DORA CHAVEZ



*Sympathy*

Condolences can be sent to her daughter:

Dora Riojas  
317 Shady Lane  
Clute, TX 77531

## MEMORIALS .....



Giving  
in Memory

Donations have been made to FUMC in memory of:

TOMMIE "MOTTIE" CRAWFORD

by:

Bob & Wilda Patton  
JoAnn Collier  
Ralph & Becky Hendricks

GEORGE DORROH

by:

Andy & Deana Wheeler

JAKE RAY

by:

Andy & Deana Wheeler

SUZANNE SARGENT

by:

Andy & Deana Wheeler  
Art & Nina Imperial & family  
Bill & Clydene Kees  
Timothy McGuire  
Esthermae Rooke  
Nancy Long



## UPCOMING EVENTS



*The children's choirs are starting up again and all children are invited to come and join in the music.*

### **Sunday School Singers**

*(K thru 3rd grade)*

*meets every Sunday in the Chapel  
10am - 10:15am*

### **Sweet Voices Choir**

*(3rd grade thru 6th grade)*

*meets every Wednesday in the Asbury Room  
3:30pm - 4:15pm*

**JUNE 6 - 10**

**Choir Camp at Lakeview**

**JUNE 27 - JULY 1**

**South District Church Camp at Lakeview**

**JULY 11 - JULY 15**

**Vacation Bible School at FUMC**

## Summer Fun!

**Mark Your Calendar!**



## Meet our new nursery staff!

**Stop by and welcome them  
to our FUMC family!**



*pictured above left to right:*

**Nancy Astello (Nursery Coordinator), Tina Moore,  
Jennifer Cannan, Vera Milner**

## Have You Ever...

...thrown a temper tantrum?  
...yelled at someone for no reason?  
...eaten all the cookies?  
...thrown a video controller across the room?  
...hung up on someone when you were on the phone?



I know I have! That moment when you lose self control and you get so frustrated that you feel like you are losing your mind! Choosing the right thing to do instead of what you want to do is self-control.

This month in Sunday School we are focusing on self-control and how God can help us. God talks about self-control as one of the fruits of the Spirit. We are helpless to control anything, but with God's power we can win. God gives us wisdom to practice self-control through the book of Proverbs.

### **Week 1- Proverbs 25:28**

**Bottom Line:** God can give you the power to control yourself.

### **Week 2- Proverbs 16:32**

**Bottom Line:** Pause before you lose your temper.

### **Week 3- Proverbs 21:23**

**Bottom Line:** Select your words carefully.

### **Week 4- Proverbs 25:16**

**Bottom Line:** Know when to stop

### **Week 5- Proverbs 4:23 ; Philippians 4:8**

**Bottom Line:** Use God's words to guide your thoughts.

So instead of saying some not so nice words or showing bad actions, let's try to remember our memory verse for the month -

**A person without self-control is like a city whose walls are broken through.**

**Proverbs 25:28**

A great reminder to help us in this new year.

I pray for each of you that you find God in everything you do in 2016. I would like to invite each family to join me on January 21 at 7 pm in Wilson Parlor to discuss our children's ministry and our programs. I want to share our goals, our mission, and our plans for the new year.

Praising God Always,  
Kimberly Bowers  
Children's Ministry Director  
First United Methodist Church



## December Youth Mission Work

Thank you to everyone that helped with Church Under the Bridge. We prepared food for about 150 people and transported it to downtown Houston. We also provided the message and the music.



KIM COPELAND  
YOUTH DIRECTOR

youth@ljfumc.org  
832-741-3932

## First Youth - January & February Events

**January 17** - Laserzone in Sugarland - 4 to 7:30pm  
Drivers Needed - Bring \$10 for admission

**January 24** - Guest Youth Group - 5-7pm

**January 31** - Indoor Games - 5-7pm

**February 7** - NO Youth Group

**February 14** - Pancake Supper - 5-7pm in Wesley Hall



### FEBRUARY 7th SUPERBOWL Sub Sale

On Sunday, February 7th, the youth will be having their annual sub sandwich sale to raise money for UM Army fees and supplies. Plan to buy your SuperBowl Sub sandwich before or after worship.



### FEBRUARY 14th PANCAKE SUPPER 5-7PM WESLEY HALL

On Sunday, February 14th, the youth will have our annual Pancake Supper. We traditionally have it the Sunday after Shrove Tuesday, which will fall on Valentine's Day this year. All donations will go to the Angel Tree Fund. In December, we were able to purchase more than \$600 in gifts for several children. All donations from the pancake supper will go to the Angel Tree Fund for 2016.



## & Other **STUDENT** NEWS

### December Youth Pics

We finished 2015 with Church Under the Bridge, Angel Tree Shopping, a Christmas party at Fuddrucker's and a movie at our brave youth director's house.

Happy New Year everyone. God's Blessings to you all.



### CONFIRMATION NEWS



**Confirmation Retreat**  
**Feb 5-7 at Lakeview**

Please keep the confirmands and retreat members in your prayers

### SUBMERGE NEWS 5th & 6th Graders

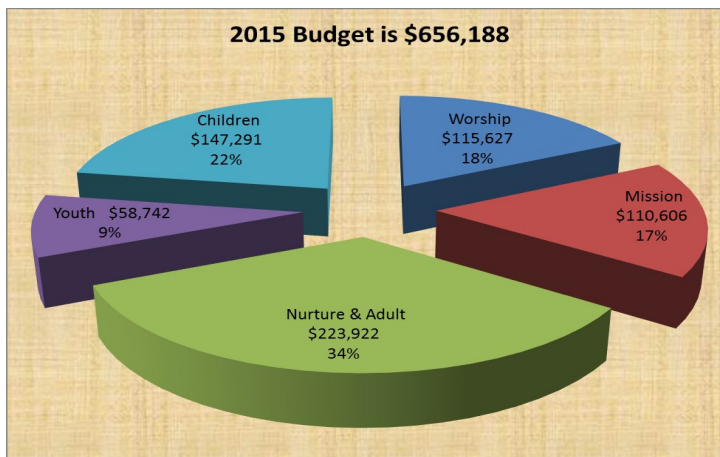


**Next Event: January 24th - 3:45 to 4:55**  
**Submerged in Paint**

*MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!*

**Apr 22-24: BreakThru Youth Retreat**  
**May 1: Senior Sunday**  
**May 15: Confirmation Sunday**  
**June 5-9: Choir Camp**  
**June 12-18: UM Army in Silsbee, TX**  
**June 27: July 1: Lakeview District Camp**

## A Note from Your FUMC Finance Committee



## Y E A R E N

Through a combination of generous giving by the congregation and good stewardship by the church leaders & staff, we were able to pay all of our financial obligations and meet all of our missional goals in 2015! For those who like numbers, the congregation contributed a total of \$626,601 and we received \$27,655 more in non-donation income (property sales & insurance refund.) Our annual budget was \$656,188, but we only spent \$615,972. So, we finished the year with \$38,283 more than we started with!

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# WE DID IT!



### Charitable IRA Rollover made permanent

A tax code amendment at the end of 2015 permanently extended the IRA charitable rollover. This means that donors age 70½ or older can make tax-free charitable gifts of up to \$100,000 per year directly from their Individual Retirement Accounts to eligible charities, including the church. You will not pay federal taxes on the transfer and it qualifies to be counted in your required minimum distribution. Heartspring Methodist Foundation, financial partner to the Texas Conference, can help you give to your church or other causes close to your heart through a charitable IRA rollover. For more information contact Heartspring 713-533-3780, 800-521-9617, or [office@heartspringmethodist.org](mailto:office@heartspringmethodist.org).

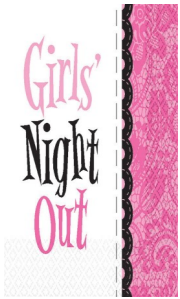






# Women's Ministry

The purpose of the Women's Ministry here at FUMC is to foster relationships among the women of our church through fellowship events, missional outreach and spiritual growth opportunities. We invite you to join us!



Friday, January 22 5:30 PM

*Wursthaus Restaurant*

Contact Mary Helen Israel at

297-6968 or

[mh-israel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mh-israel@sbcglobal.net)



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY 11AM

4th Wednesday of each month  
at the home of Linda Neumann  
132 Lily

If you like to knit or crochet,  
join us to make prayer shawls for  
folks who are sick, lonely, or  
just need a reminder of God's  
love. [blneumann@hotmail.com](mailto:blneumann@hotmail.com)



CIRCLE MEETING at CARRIAGE INN

9:30AM

3rd Monday of each month

Do you enjoy an "old-fashioned" ladies circle  
meeting? If so then join us. Contact Karen  
Bowman, [karnbowman@comcast.net](mailto:karnbowman@comcast.net)



"CRAFT AND CROP"

February 1 10:30AM

ASBURY ROOM

If you like to sew or scrapbook, bring your own  
project and enjoy fellowship as you work with  
friends.

Contact Amy Haase, [amyehaase@gmail.com](mailto:amyehaase@gmail.com)

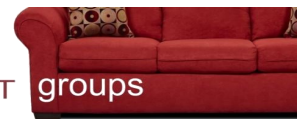


**Every Monday**

*(during school year)*

**9:30am Wilson Parlor**

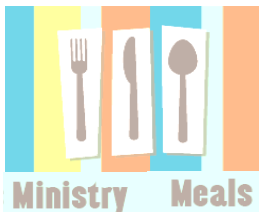
*All you need to bring is  
a prayerful heart.*



COVENANT groups

**Women's group meets in Wilson Parlor  
on Sundays at 5:15PM**

*Childcare available*



**Do you know of a family in need of meals? Remember,  
our Women's Ministry has made "ministry meals". They  
are located in the Wesley Hall kitchen.**

**Lift up those in need with food, love and prayer!**

## SPRING BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Are you interested in a Wednesday night Bible Study in the spring?

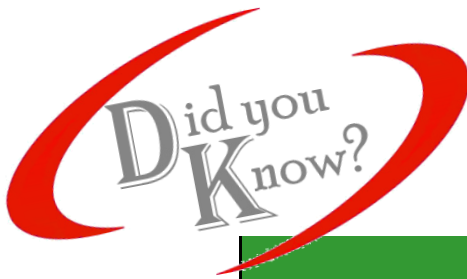
This study entails 10-15 minutes of study daily during the week, and a 75 minute meeting once a week. In the spring we will read the New Testament. The class will begin Wednesday, January 13, and continue weekly thru April 6 from 6:05-7:20. Pastor Lynne will lead the series.

Everyone is invited to attend!



"For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Jeremiah 29:11



### **ONLINE GIVING** *is available!*

You may now use a credit or debit card, or create electronic fund transfers from your bank account, for added convenience in giving of tithes, gifts and offerings to FUMC. Features include:

- ◆ **Secure weblink to Heartspring Methodist Foundation:**
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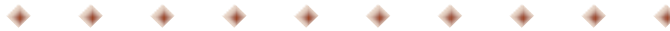


### CHRISTMAS 2015 ANGEL TREE

The Salvation Army Angel Tree mission project was a HUGE success!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in gift-giving, deliveries, etc., and a very special **THANK YOU** to Delia Hoskins for organizing the project on behalf of FUMC. We appreciate you!

Many children in the Brazosport community, who may have otherwise gone without this Christmas, were blessed because of your kindness and generosity.



*Newest members of our FUMC family...*



**Ann McClendon  
Kelly McClendon**



**School for Little People Carnival**  
**Friday, January 29 5:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Come and support SLP. Everyone welcome!**

**Games Food Silent Auction**

For more information or to make donations to the school, please contact Miranda Corn at 297-3641.



### ***JOIN US!***

#### **Schedule of Sunday Services**

Classic Service	Chapel	8AM
Contemporary Service	Sanctuary	9AM
Sunday School	(all ages)	10AM
Traditional Service	Sanctuary	11AM

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- Teaching God's Word!
- Loving One Another!
- Strengthening Families!
- Sharing the Good News!

