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8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Happy  
Birthday!

Sue Bessire 1/17

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# First United Methodist Church

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## *Food for the Journey*

Yesterday my message, based on The Magi – Matthew 2:1-12, focused on both the giving of gifts as in those tangible gifts the Magi gave to the Christ-child Jesus and his earthly family, as well as their gift of sacrifice – traveling two years just to worship the Christ-child and bring their gifts.

I want to follow-up on that message – it doesn't matter whether we call these three men Magi, Kings from the Orient, Wise Men, Scholars, or Astrologers; what matters is that we understand they set out on a mission and they accomplished their mission. King Herod could not prevent this, nor any other threat. The mission of the Magi was to find the newborn King of the Jews and to worship HIM! As I stated in my message yesterday, these men had studied and knew the *Torah* (the Old Testament writings) as well as the writings of the Prophets. These three men had studied the stars continuously and knew exactly what that bright new star in the sky, that same star that led the shepherds to Bethlehem, was indicating and leading them to. These three men, along with their caravan of servants and camels, traveling from Persia were relentless in their pursuit to find, WORSHIP, and bring gifts to the newborn king of the Jews.

Are we as relentless in our pursuit of Christ in our life as these three Magi were in their pursuit to find and worship and give their gifts to Jesus? We do not have to travel from Persia to Bethlehem to find Jesus! We can do it right from our comfortable chair at home, or while driving, through Bible study and reading, through prayer and meditation, as well as through our corporate worship. AND, we can also do this through using the Spiritual gifts we receive through our relationship with the Holy Spirit.

I ended the message with the challenge for all of us to consider “What Gifts Do We BRING to Jesus?” How are you using those gifts of the Holy Spirit to honor and worship our Savior, Jesus? How are you giving of yourself: mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually? These should be in addition to your financial gifts! That, my friends, is giving our BEST to God first!

I challenge to be different than the young man who desired to follow Jesus yet would not relinquish those things that occupied ALL his time and attention; may you find yourself in full surrender and dedication to Jesus throughout this New Year!

Remember, like the Magi, we too have MUCH to offer Christ if we will only surrender and relentlessly pursue a relationship with HIM first and foremost!

Shalom,

Pastor Tom

2019 CHURCH LEADERHSHIP  
 First United Methodist Church - Muleshoe  
 Pastor – Tom Carter

**CHURCH LEADERSHIP TEAM (Single Board Leadership Structure)**

Church Leadership Team Chairperson.....	<u>Tony Barrier</u>
Vice Chairperson.....	<u>David Marricle</u>
Lay Leader.....	<u>Julie Cage</u>
Lay Member to Annual Conference.....	<u>Sally Messenger</u>
Alternate Member to Annual Conference.....	<u>Gayla Gear</u>
Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chairperson.....	<u>Corky Green</u>
Board of Trustees Chairperson.....	<u>Ryan Marricle</u>
Finance Chairperson & Treasurer.....	<u>Chuck Smith</u>
Financial Secretary.....	<u>Becky Pool</u>
Recording Secretary.....	<u>Becky Pool &amp; Terry Marricle</u>

**Work Area Representatives**

Finance.....	<u>Sheila Stevenson</u>	<u>Jay Cage</u>	<u>Sue Bessire</u>
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Board of Trustees ....	<u>Marshall Cook</u>	<u>Ryan Marricle</u>	<u>Dick Chitwood</u> <u>Drew Innes</u>
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Worship.....	<u>Terry Marricle</u>		
Congregational Care.....	<u>Marshall Cook</u>		
Discipleship.....	<u>Debbie Wium</u>		
Youth Director.....	_____		

\*Note: Lay Leader and Lay Member to Annual Conference are members of the SPRC and Finance Committee per the 2016 Book of Discipline.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS & LAY LEADERSHIP**

Chairperson (per 2012 Book of Discipline).....	<u>Pastor</u>	
Lay Leader.....	<u>Julie Cage</u>	
Class of 2019	<u>Dorothy Wyer</u>	<u>Sheila Stevenson</u>
Class of 2020	<u>Nancy Barrier</u>	<u>Lizz Tipps</u>
Class of 2021	<u>Jay Cage</u>	<u>David Head</u>

# January Prayer Concerns

The family of Hattie Ray Lambert

The family of Jarrel Pruitt

The family of Doyle King

Sally Ellis is in the hospital

Larry Combs

Bruce Fuller, brother of Janis Morrison

Leonardo Aviles, leg amputation

J. W. Herington

Kearney Scoggin

Marilyn Nickels, sister of Helen Cook

The Safe House in Muleshoe for women and children

The delegates to St. Louis in February 2019

Buck and Lynn Campbell

Barbara Mae Blackman

Jean Allison

Matthew Alarcon, a Junior at Muleshoe High School and the son of Rick and Rhea Alarcon, is undergoing treatment for cancer

Winn Cantwell

Robert and Maurine Hooten

Mary Nell Bleeker

Debbie Treider and her mother Joy Coston

Marshal Head and Ann Head

Marjorie Morgan, mother of Pam Thomason

America, our president, and all of our governmental elected and appointed officials, and world leaders

Tom and Rhonda Carter

Our church and church leaders

Raymond Treider

Lewis Wayne and Wanda Shafer

Gladys Black

Luke Siegel of Lubbock

Deke Kendrick of Friona, Sally Messengers Mother

Walter Marie Boness

Molly Anthony of Portales, mother of Mark Anthony

Alene Bryant of Amarillo

Fred Clements

Betty and Dillon Noble

Wanda Cockerham

All residents of Parkview

11 year old Ernie Toscano of Muleshoe

Randy Smith of Lazbuddie

Sandy and Royce Turner

Our Military and their families: Brad Henry, Judd Glover, Treg Box, Morgan Young