

# Newsletter



First United Methodist Church  
HENDERSON • TEXAS

## Pastor's Message for the Month

### TRANSFORMED LIVING

*Discovering Joy & Meaning In Our  
Commitments to Jesus Christ.*

*Years ago our young family was asked if we would house-sit for some friends while they were on vacation. We lived in a very small house at the time, and theirs was a rather large house with a swimming pool. Yes we would!*

*We were all excited to have the extra space and the pool. But - there were guidelines we had to follow. We were invited to enjoy it, but also had the responsibility to take care of it.*

*For a couple of weeks it would be "ours." But they would return home. They would expect that we had cared for their property.*

*As you well know we were simply stewards of what someone else owned. As stewards we enjoyed privilege and assumed responsibility. We were never invited to "treat it as our own." We were asked to care for it - and enjoy it - remembering it belonged to someone else.*

*This month we will remember that we are all stewards - caretakers of all God has created and given to us. Our lives. Our families. Our friends. Our positions. Our possessions. ALL are to be seen as owned by God but "on loan" to us.*

*As good stewards we want to remember the privileges we enjoy as well as the responsibilities we assume.*

*Join me this month as we prayerfully consider our stewardship through our commitments to Jesus Christ.*

*Because of His immense love for each of us,*

*David*

## October Sermons

**October 5th**

**"My Daily Bread"**

Matthew 6:5-15

*What is my commitment to PRAYER  
in the year to come?*

**October 12th**

**"Passionate Commitment"**

Philippians 3:1-14

*What is my commitment to WORSHIP  
in the year to come?*

**October 19th**

**"Richly Blessed"**

1 Chronicles 29:1-14

*What is my commitment to GIVE  
in the year to come?*

**October 26th**

**"It's My Pleasure"**

John 3:1-17

*What is my commitment to SERVE  
in the year to come?*

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## Lemons Class Members in Action!

*On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, the Lemons Sunday School Class provided for and served breakfast to those in need at the Newgate Mission in Longview. Members serving breakfast were Zulyne and Howard Leverett, Mary Lou and Mike Smith, Clara Braswell, Johnny Foster and Lynn Smith. Ninety-eight clients enjoyed and were filled with biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, sausage, coffee and juice. Class members were quick to say that this is a very worthwhile and rewarding experience and a blessing not only for those being served but for those who serve! If you or your class is interested in serving at Newgate Mission one Saturday, contact Brenda in the church office.*



Sharing the Joy of Jesus Christ with Others

October 2014

**UPCOMING EVENTS** *Mark Your Calendars* 

**October**

- 3 - 4 Youth Dynamix's Lock-In
- 4 Blessing of the Animals 12pm
- 13 Columbus Day—Offices Closed
- 18 Men's Breakfast 8am
- 18 N2Y Play and Pray Date 11am
- 19 Anthem Sing 6:30pm
- 26 Fall Fest 3-6pm at Kat Creek

**November**

- 7 Preschool Staff Dev. (Closed)
- 14 Move For Life Ends
- 15 Men's Breakfast
- 24-28 Preschool Closed
- 27-28 Church Offices Closed

*Please check calendar to see the full schedule of church activities.*

 **MEN'S BREAKFAST**

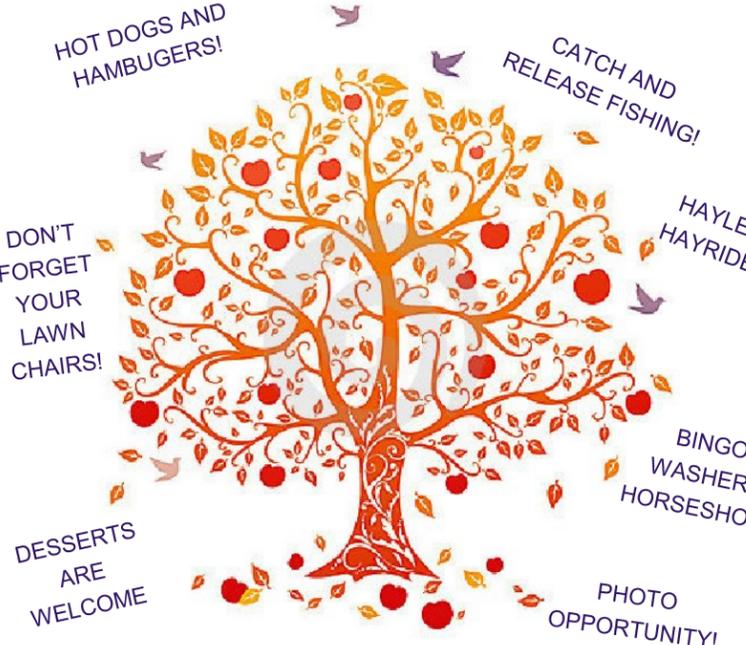
**Bring Your Appetites for a Good Ol' Fashion Breakfast on October 18th**

**Cooking at 7am and Eating at 8am.**

**A program will be presented after the meal.**

**FALL CELEBRATION FESTIVAL**

HOT DOGS AND HAMBURGERS!  
CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING!  
HAYLESS HAYRIDES!  
BINGO! WASHERS! HORSESHOES!  
PHOTO OPPORTUNITY!  
DON'T FORGET YOUR LAWN CHAIRS!  
DESSERTS ARE WELCOME!



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FAMILY MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE OUR STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN**

**Join Us Sunday, October 26, 2014 at Kat Creek Ranch from 3pm-6pm**

*(If transportation is needed, please contact church office.)*



**N2Y Family and Friends Come and Enjoy a Play and Pray Date on October 18th at St. Matthews Pumpkin Patch**

**All the fun begins at 11:00am, and bring a sack lunch to eat in the patch.**

**There will be fun in the patch, stories, games, and fellowship.**





**St. Matthew's Blessing of the Animals Saturday, October 4th at Noon at St. Matthew's Church**

Bring your animal, and a healthy appetite. A hot dog plate will be served for \$3.00.

**Memorials**

**Jane Clotiaux**  
Debbie & Mark Mann Memorial

**Wayne Perry**  
Denzil & Louise Mobbs Local Missions  
Harold & Jean Pool Memorial  
Jean Colley Capital Fund  
Debbie & Mark Mann Memorial  
Bill & Nancy Preston Memorial  
Terry & Gale Austin Memorial

**Melba Taylor**  
Jerry & Elizabeth Moore Endowment  
David & Jetti Fahle Memorial  
Debbie & Mark Mann Memorial

**Gladys Wylie**  
Cyndy Willard Backpack  
Joel & Barbara Hale Memorial

**Roger Wylie**  
Cyndy Willard Backpack

**Honorarium**

**Troy & Mary Ann Craig**  
(Anniversary)  
Cyndy Willard Backpack

**Dorothy Barry**  
(Birthday)  
Bill & Margaret Mosley Library

**PRAISES**

 *Baptism of Lilly Elizabeth Baker, born May 12, 2014, daughter of Brad and Lauren Baker, granddaughter of Johnny and Cyndi Walker and Eddie and Lisa Baker.*

*Karen and Will Degenhart welcomed a baby boy, Jackson, on September 22, 2014. Proud Grandma is Cammie Thrasher.* 

**HIM Holiday Boxes Need Items**

*HIM is putting together holiday boxes for families in need. The following items are needed and can be dropped off at FUMC or HIM:*



- Stuffing or Cornbread Mix
- Canned Corn, Green Beans & Yams
- Cranberry Sauce
- Chicken Broth
- Cake Mix & Frosting
- Canned Fruit



# Music Notes



I rejoice in all God's blessings...and one that is particularly high on my list is my opportunity to minister with the saints at FUMC, Henderson. I have been here for one year...and may I add that it has been a GLORIOUS year. I have soooooo many to thank for making my transition here so smooth....

\*Pastor David has been a true blessing in my life personally and in the life of this church. What you all see on Sunday is what we in the office see all week...he is truly a man after God's heart.

\*The entire church staff has helped make my first year's journey a safe and productive one. When I need reining in, they have helped with that process...but when I've wanted to branch out and change a few things, they have been enthusiastic supporters.

\*Ouida Henson has been invaluable in her support and ministry. She is truly one of the most talented musicians that I know. She is a gift to me personally and our church as a whole.

\*The Chancel Choir and Common Ground Praise Team have been dedicated ministers that have made each of our worship services unique and praise-worthy. These musicians are "ministers of music and worship" and have made my first year fresh and worthwhile.

Betsy and I will be taking some vacation time to see our daughter...thank you for this kind gesture. While we are away, Sarah Roper and Cyndi Walker will be leading in our Traditional service and the Praise Team will lead in the Common Ground service. My advanced thanks to them for keeping things going.

Grace to you all.....Jack

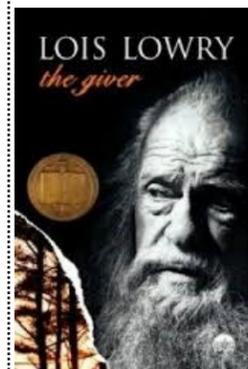
## UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 19—**  
The combined choirs of FUMC, Henderson and FUMC, Longview will present an evening of our favorite anthems. The program will be in our sanctuary at 6:30pm. Please plan to come and bring your friends.

**December 1—**  
Our annual "Hanging of the Greens" will be at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. This will be presented by all areas of our music ministry.

## Library News

After much deliberation and thought (and a discussion with Pastor David,) the next book for Library Lunch is:



**THE GIVER** by Lois Lowry  
The book could actually be considered a young adult book and won the Newbery Award in 1994. A movie based on the book has recently been released. After reading the book, I think that it should provide a good discussion. Books are available in the library, and they are also available at our Walmart.

Let's tentatively set the date for November 4, and maybe we can miss the holiday season activities.

## Preschool Place

Upcoming Dates:

**Fire Safety Week**  
October 6-10

**4's to St. Matthew's Pumpkin Patch**  
October 14

**Individual Pictures**  
October 15 & 16

**Playground Pumpkin Patch**  
October 21, 22, 23

**Dress Up & Trick or Treat**  
October 30

**Professional Development (Closed)**  
November 7

## STAY CONNECTED

There are several ways to keep up to date on what's going on here at FUMC.



**Prayer Text** – Join Our New Pray Text Group! Just text the one word message "PRAY" to the group's dedicated number 86677. Other than your own cell phone charges, there are zero fees to participate. Don't worry, you can always opt out of them later if you would like.



**Facebook** – Like our Facebook page, to see all sorts of information to pictures of what's happening here at FUMC! [www.facebook.com/fumhenderson](http://www.facebook.com/fumhenderson)



**Newsletter** – Not receiving the newsletter by email or mail??? Contact the church office to make sure you are added to our mailing lists!



**Emails** – From time to time, we will send out important announcements, reminders, and prayer requests. Contact the church office to make sure you are included in these important emails.

## Join Us On Sundays

8:45 AM  
**Common Ground Service**

10:00 AM  
**Sunday School**

11:00 AM  
**Traditional Service**

## ~ Our Presence ~

	Aug 31	Sept 7	Sept 14	Sept 21	Sept 28
Common Ground Service	84	119	104	106	86
Traditional Service	106	116	132	107	116
<b>Total:</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>236</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>202</b>



## PRAY.WORSHIP.GIVE.SERVE

Join us as we explore the possibilities through our Stewardship Campaign: **September 28 – October 26.**

### 2014 Annual Budget



\$758,000

Received thru September 28  
\$505,990



Needed thru September  
\$568,125



[www.facebook.com/fumhenderson](http://www.facebook.com/fumhenderson)

### Weekly Offering

August 31	\$11,283
September 7	\$18,091
September 14	\$9,846
September 21	\$7,291
September 28	\$11,245



# Thank you!

I appreciate the beautiful flowers you all send me from the church and your heart. It was so thoughtful of you to think of me. I will always have you in my prayer.

Thank You  
Miriam Powell

## Coming Up!

- Oct. 1 - Wed. program
- Oct 8 - Wed. program
- Oct 15 - Wed. program
- Oct 19 - Children sing
- Oct 22 - Game Night
- Oct 29 - Reverse Trick or Treat
  
- Nov 5 - Wed. program
- Nov 7-9 - CHAMPS Fall Retreat
- Nov 12 - Wed. program
- Nov 16 - CHAMPS Bake Sale
- Nov 19 - Wed. program
  
- Dec 1 - Hanging of the Greens
- Dec 3 - Wed. program
- Dec 10 - Wed. program
- Dec 17 - Break for Christmas

## Wednesday Nights

### N2Y

(Pre-K & K)  
5pm-6:15pm

### Friends

(1st-3rd)  
5:45pm-7:15pm

### C.H.A.M.P.S.

(4th & 5th)  
5:45pm-7:15pm

We will serve a snack supper at 5:45pm and the cost for supper is \$2.

# FUMC Children

Calling all children ages 4th & 5th grade!  
Register now for the  
**C.H.A.M.P.S. Fall Retreat**  
November 7th—9th at



Hey kids! Join us for an amazing adventure at Pine Cove! We will have time to focus on our relationship with God in the midst of climbing, swinging, jumping, competing and making noise.

Free Time Activities: Horse Rides, Ropes Course, Snack Shop, Archery, Arts & Crafts, Mini-Golf, Pickle Ball, Washer Toss, Giant Tree House, 4-Square, Basketball Court, and much more!

The cost for the weekend is \$50. Please contact Debbie Tipps at 903-657-6588 or [dtipps@fumchenderson.org](mailto:dtipps@fumchenderson.org) to register.

## Wednesday Night Kid's in October



- ⇒ Children will sing on Sunday, October 19th at the 11:00am worship service, and at the 6:30pm Anthem Sing with the combined choirs of FUMC Henderson & FUMC Longview.
- ⇒ Game Night! Bring your footballs, basketballs, and/or your favorite game and let's have some fun!
- ⇒ Let's go Trick-or-Treating in reverse! Wear your friendly Halloween costumes and join the fun on October 29th from 5:45pm to 7:15pm.

# YOUTH



Wednesday nights at FUMC are full of fun, fellowship, and bible study that is all centered around Christ and the Cross. "The Crossing" is our youth fellowship and bible study for all students 6th -12th grade. There will be games, bible study, and small group discussion's for middle school guys, middle school girls, and high school students. There has never been a better time to get involved and connected to our youth group.

*Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

Matthew 16:24

### Fall Lock-in @ Group Dynamix



Indoor ropes course, archery tag, zip-lines. These are just a few of the things you'll experience at our fall lock-in at Group Dynamix. We will leave Friday Oct. 3rd and return Saturday Oct. 4th. Space is limited so register early at [fumchenderson.org](http://fumchenderson.org).  
Cost: Free



\$20

Leaving the church at 6:30 on Friday Nov. 14

space is limited

## What's Happening

- Oct. 1 - The Crossing
- Oct 3-4 - Fall Lock-In (Group Dynamix)
- Oct 8 - The Crossing
- Oct 15 - The Crossing
- Oct 22 - The Crossing
- Oct 29 - Night of Prayer
  
- Nov 5 - The Crossing
- Nov 12 - The Crossing
- Nov 14 - Gungor
- Nov 19 - The Crossing
  
- Dec 3 - The Crossing
- Dec 10 - The Crossing
- Dec 17 - The Crossing
- Dec 31 - New Years Eve Party

## Wednesday Nights

The Crossing

6th-12th grade

6PM-8PM

## Stay Up to Date with the Youth through Text!!

Middle School text the phrase "MSYOUTH" to the number 86677.

High School text the phrase "HSYOUTH" to the number 86677.



Standard Data and Messaging rates apply.