

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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*“Be strong and bold; have no fear or dread of them, because it is the Lord your God who goes with you; He will not fail you or forsake you.” Deuteronomy 31:6 (NRSV)*

*“It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.” Deuteronomy 31:8 (NRSV)*

We are slowly learning to face and live with the virus that is here. We are learning to respond and respect it. We are all different in how much fear we have and how we are facing and figuring out how to live and cope in a world with this threat. We walk together. Not in the same way, sometimes, but together. As our church family moves forward, it is with hope that our fears are keeping us smart. We are responding and are prepared to do what we know to keep each other safe from risk. Our fears can be managed and do not have to paralyze us. We are learning and looking to seek out ways to continue to worship, be fed spiritually, and minister in new and innovative methods. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please write them down and pass them along to me or Harry Wheat, our Church Council Chairperson, before our September 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting. We have managed fears before. Let's remember to respect our differences as we learn how to be the church in this world that includes Coronavirus.

~ May God Keep You in His Care ~  
Pastor Pam

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Sunday Schedule:</b>		1	2	2	2	5
<b>No Sunday School</b> <b>During September</b>  <b>10:30 AM:</b> <b>Morning Worship</b> <b>Service in the</b> <b>Sanctuary; the Church</b> <b>Parking Lot (Tune</b> <b>Radio to FM107.1);</b> <b>and also on Facebook</b>		9 am Growth   7 pm AA	 <b>6 pm</b> <b>Board of Trustees</b> <b>Meeting</b>	7 pm AA		11 am AA
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sunday Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>  <b>Holy</b> <b>Communion</b>	 <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Holiday</b>  <i>Church Office</i> <i>Will Be Closed</i>	9 am Growth  <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>PPRC</b>  7 pm AA	No Supper/ Service	7 pm AA		11 am AA
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sunday Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>	<b>6 pm</b> <b>Committee On</b> <b>Finance</b> <b>Meeting</b>	9 am Growth  7 pm AA	No Supper/ Service	7 pm AA		11 am AA
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sunday Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>		9 am Growth  7 pm AA	6 pm Soft Supper/ Service ? (To Be Determined)  <b>Church Council</b> <b>Meeting</b> <b>6 pm (If no</b> <b>Supper/Service;</b> <b>7 pm (If have</b> <b>Supper/Service)</b>	<b>Deadline for</b> <b>September</b> <b>Newsletter</b>  7 pm AA		11 am AA
27	28	29	30			
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>  <b>10:30 am</b> <b>Sunday Morning</b> <b>Worship</b>		9 am Growth  7 pm AA	No Supper/ Service			

## MEMBERS:

Charles Davis, Rev. Roy & Nayoka Givens, Guillian Graham, Bailee Holloman, Tom Impello, Ben Ivy, Rev. Alan Randall, Ray Smith, Harold Sumrall, Lee Vinson, Harriet Waltman, Jonathan Watkins

## FAMILY OR FRIENDS OF MEMBERS:

Dr. Ahmad, Mrs. Bobbie Breland, Blaine Bunch, The Delores Hamrick Cangemi Family, Matthew Conner, Bill Davis, Ronnie Davis, Stewart Givens, Glenda Graham, Kim Robinson Harris, Carolyn Holiman, Laverne Holloman, Paulette Hopkins, Tammie Ivey, Gwen Johnston, Nancy Johnston, Ben Jones, Gary King, Penny Lane, Roun McNeal, Rodger McRee, Rev. Dale Moore, Patsy Richardson, Brent Robinson, James Smith, Hermann Stoesser, Rivers Wade (Infant), Clint Weaver, Candy Widener

## NURSING HOMES/SHUT-IN's:

Mrs. Jerrie Carmichael, Karen Cockrell, R. H. "Bobby" Donald, Jr., Florine Gunter, Bennie Sue Hubbert, Annette Hutto, Joyce Hyatt, Wayne Lewis, Dwight McCarra, Janelle O'Neil, Mrs. Bill Rowell

To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please call Susan Lewis, 601-776-3238.

## CARE GROUP FOR SEPTEMBER

If the Care Group is needed for **SEPTEMBER**, please call Chairperson: Rosemary Hopkins, 601-776-2275. Other members are: Oliver Hopkins, 601-776-2275; Sylvia & Al Vowell, 601-479-6159; and Mark & Jan Beavers, 601-776-3070.

## SEPTEMBER SANCTUARY FLOWERS

- 6 Helen Stevens
- 13 Steve & Becky Watkins
- 20 Mark & Rose Allen
- 27 Jim & Kay Sanders



## MEMORIALS

Jimmy Price, Michael Price

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Mr. & Mrs. Steve Whaley (Taunya)
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Lewis (Susan)
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Brooks Dobbins (Glenda)
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Scott Sanchez (Ashlie)

*"Happy Anniversary!"*

## SEPTEMBER



- 2 Lisa Kramer
- 3 Tyler Green
- 6 Harold Sumrall, Matthew Groves
- 7 Bobby Donald, Becky Watkins
- 9 Kyle Colston
- 13 Lance Fulcher, Cody Oswald
- 14 Camden Fulcher
- 16 Mallory Holland, Kole Nichols
- 17 Steve Watkins, Liz Hachmeister
- 18 Eddie Ivy
- 20 Danielle Bonner
- 22 Joe Kramer, Anna Kathryn Poore
- 23 John Smith
- 25 Skip Hopkins
- 27 Bobby Fulcher
- 30 Ginny Kramer

*"Happy Birthday To You!"*

## SEPTEMBER CHURCH GATHERINGS

Due to the COVID-19 virus still being active in our area and state, restrictions on gatherings are currently still in place. First United Methodist Church-Quitman will continue to follow the safety guidelines recommended by Bishop Swanson regarding having in-person Worship Services and hope to gradually increase our fellowship with one another. Some of these guidelines are:

- (a.) The Church Sanctuary is only opened for the 10:30 Sunday Morning Worship Services and with limited capacity until further notice.
- (b.) The use of hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building, as well as, wearing masks and keeping the six-feet distancing rules apply.
- (c.) For the time being, there will be no choirs or congregational singing.
- (d.) Offering plates are placed at the Foyer entrance and the back hall entrance for you to place your tithes/offerings.
- (e.) No Sunday School or social gatherings are to be held.

Some individuals still do not feel comfortable attending in-person worship services. We ask that you please use precautionary measures in determining what is best for you and/or your family. The Worship Services are being recorded and posted on Facebook and Social Media. We ask and continue to seek God's guidance in helping us to take the necessary steps to be able to *fully* return as a Church family.

## WEDNESDAY "SOFT" SUPPER/SERVICE

Some have expressed interest in possibly trying to have a Wednesday night "soft" supper and service towards the end of the month. By it being a "soft" supper, we mean enjoying a light meal while observing the 6 feet social distancing in the Fellowship Hall and having one of the Cooking Teams prepare the meal to avoid multiple contact with the food. Also, practicing the other safety guidelines

such as wearing a mask and using hand sanitizer upon entering and exiting the building. This idea will remain open for discussion during September.

### **2020 MS REGIONAL CHARGE CONFERENCE**

The 2020 Annual Charge Conference is fast approaching. The Charge Conferences will begin around Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> and run through Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Because of the COVID 19 virus this year, our Charge Conference will be held through Zoom on Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Some Chairpersons and Committee Members may be asked to participate. The completed paperwork is due in the District Office by Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Committee meetings will be held during September to begin completing the required conference forms. You may be called upon to serve on a committee. Please let Pam know if you are or if you are **not** interested in serving on a committee. Please remember our Churches and the 2020 Charge Conference in prayer. Your prayers are needed now... more than ever...for our Churches and the Charge Conference.

## **YOUTH & CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES NEWS**

### **Preschool News**

We are happy to announce that Preschool is back in session with a full class of 14 students (plus several names on the Waiting List)! The COVID-19 Safety precautions are also being practiced while the students enter the classroom, during, and after class. Mrs. Debbie Bonner is the teacher again this year. We pray for everyone's safety and wish the Preschool a wonderful school year!

### **PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRACTICE THE GUIDELINES NECESSARY TO HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS.**

You and your family's safety and well-being are extremely important as we gradually begin the process of coming together once again at Quitman First United Methodist Church.

**ATTENTION!**  
**YOUNG & OLD**  
**NEED A RIDE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS?**  
**THE CHURCH VAN WILL BE RUNNING AGAIN**  
(Just let Pastor Pam know if you need a ride.)



### **CHANGE OF CONTACT INFORMATION**

Some Newsletters have been returned due to incorrect addresses. *PLEASE* be sure to contact the Church Office if you have a change of name, address, phone number, or email so you can continue to receive current updates related to the Church and its families.

If you do not want to receive a copy of the monthly Newsletter, please notify the Church Office as soon as possible to request your name be removed from the mailing list.

### **NEWSLETTER NOTICES**

The monthly Newsletter is also on the Church's Website at <https://www.quitmanfumc.com>. If you have anything you would like printed in the monthly Newsletter, please email the Church Office at [quitmanfumc@gmail.com](mailto:quitmanfumc@gmail.com). Be sure to add "Newsletter" to the subject line so your announcement does not go unnoticed.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED  
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2020  
IN OBSERVANCE OF THE**

## **LABOR DAY**

**HOLIDAY.**

**WE HOPE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY  
HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!**