

The Messenger



Back to School August Communion Offering

The 2019-20 School Year will begin in just a couple of weeks. As we know, many students do not come to class in the first week with all supplies they need. Teachers are working to create a positive learning atmosphere for the children in their classes, very often personally purchasing the items for their classrooms and/or students.

In past years, we have assembled 100's of backpacks for children. We have assembled Teacher Supply boxes. We have bought books for children in a certain grade levels and more. We have also had people who have served by reading with children at the schools. This year we will be continuing our partnership, but will be asking our partnering school(s) how we may be of greatest assistance, this year. If it means still making the Teacher Supply Boxes or making backpacks, we will do that, but we want to make sure that this is still the best way to assist!

The Communion Offering will go to support the needs of the school (s) in which we partner. We support our local schools and lift their administration and teachers in prayer! Please consider your gift at the Communion Rail this year as we determined the best way to partner with our schools. We will be communicating with the partnering school(s) within the next month.

Pastor's Perspective

Have you ever ridden on a ferry? One summer I rode on two. One was the ferry that provided transport for you and your car to Washington Island, WI where I attended a preaching conference. The other was a pedestrian ferry that took you to Mackinac Island, MI. There are no automobiles allowed on Mackinac Island, only bicycles and horses – along with everything horses leave behind!

A boat is an image utilized to describe the church. Some sanctuaries are designed from the inside to resemble an upside down boat. A beautiful example of this sanctuary design is Paint Rock UMC in Paint Rock, TX. A church is what ferries you or carries you throughout this earthly life to the life to come. It provides support, sustenance and safety when the storms of life are raging. Charles Tindley composed a hymn in 1906 titled Stand By Me.

*When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
when the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.*

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Worship Information

- 8:30 am—Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am—Contemporary (Praise Band) Worship
- 11:00 am—Traditional Worship

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

All entering 5th and 6th graders are invited to take part in *Wonderfully Made*, a faith and sexuality education program which involves the parents, as well.

Questions? Contact
Lee Ann Clemons

Wonderfully Made Loved by God

Children & Youth
Faith and Sexuality Education

\$40 Fee



Mark Huffman
Tanya Estess Campen
Leigh Hinkins

<p>KIDS:</p> <p>FRI., AUG. 23 5:45–9:00 p.m. SAT., AUG. 24 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>PARENTS:</p> <p>FRI., AUG. 23 5:45- 7:30 p.m. SAT., AUG. 24 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p>
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Classes for 5th & 6th Graders
by Sept. 1, 2019
*Register at FUMCmcallen.com
or on the church App

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. Psalm 139:14*



You Are Not Alone

M & M Camp

Musical Presentation

Written by Alissah Shirah

Friday, August 2

5:45 pm

In the Sanctuary

Refreshments will follow

On the Church Lawn

All are invited!

Back to School Celebrations and Blessings

The new school year is right around the corner and with it all of the excitement, fears and worries about new teachers, new classes and classmates. Help us start the year off with a bang and special prayers and blessings for all children and youth, teachers, too! Mark your calendars for the following...

◆ **August 25—Back to School Blessing**

All students, teachers, and school staff are invited to morning worship services for a special blessing as the school year approaches.

◆ **September 4—Fish Fry Fellowship for All**

All are invited to a delicious fish fry prepared by Chuck Crowsey and crew! We will gather to eat and fellowship at 5:45 pm in the Fellowship Center. A love offering will be collected.

◆ **September 4—WOW—Word On Wednesday—Resumes**

All children, 3 years old through 5th graders are invited to join us every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 pm for playtime on the playground, snacks, fun Bible lessons and activities, music, and MORE!

Youth Speak

This is me. Always giving direction to the youth, sometimes via email, text, or social media. I have to telling them to reg-talking, to throw dinner plate, to line These kids are very they are still kids; peers to talk and can't blame them, do that, enjoy the moments just go by tiny sixth graders than their older



confess, sometimes I get tired of ister, to RSVP, to listen, to stop their trash away, to pick up their up, or to put their phones away. smart, talented and witty, but they get excited to be with their enjoy each other's company. I sometimes I enjoy watching them moment... Sometimes those so fast, before we know it, those sprout like weeds and are taller sibling.

But there is one thing I never get tired of telling them, several things actually... I never get tired of telling them to talk to God by praying to Him, or to listen to God by reading their Bible, or to remember how much we learn from serving rather than receiving, or remind them to invite friends that still don't know the Good News, or how amazing and big God's love for them is, or how they they are His chil- will repeat until face, because will finally un- madly in love love. And then it they will sur- up on stage and beautiful prayers might take two, years, but it how long it as long as it takes, I will continue to remind them of God's unconditional love, full of grace. We are all slow learners, we all require unmeasurable patience that can only come from His love.



belong to God and dren.. Now that, I I get blue in the just maybe, they derstand and fall with their true will all click and prise me and get pray the most over their peers. It or four, or seven doesn't matter takes; better yet,

"Don't you have eyes? Why can't you see? Don't you have ears? Why can't you hear? Don't you remember? When I broke five loaves of bread for those five thousand people, how many baskets full of leftovers did you gather?" They answered, "Twelve." "And when I broke seven loaves of bread for those four thousand people, how many baskets full of leftovers did you gather?" They answered, "Seven." Jesus said to them, "And you still don't understand?" -Mark 8:18-21



Important Dates

You Are Not Alone

Presented by the
Music & Missions Campers

Friday, August 2nd
5:45 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Youth Group Ski Trip

Meeting

Wednesday, August 7th
5:45 p.m.
East Social Room

Manna Food Pantry

Monday, August 19th
10:45 a.m. Food Set Up
4:00 p.m. Food Distribution

Wonderfully Made

Loved by God
FRI.-SAT., August 23-24th

Youth Ministry's Open House Sunday School Class

SUN., August 25th
10:00 a.m.

Blessing of Students, Teachers & School Staff

SUN., August 25th

Fish Fry Fellowship Dinner

WED., September 4th
5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Download the church App for the latest updates
or check our detailed calendar online at www.fumcmcallen.com

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Pastor's Perspective, cont'd.

As I was riding the ferry to Washington Island, two things struck me that relates to being part of the church. One, I made the decision to ride the ferry, no one forced me. No one forces you to join a church; it is your choice. I choose to ride the ferry because I desired to go to a conference on preaching. It may be possible for one to enjoy the life to come without the church, but it is not God's plan. God's plan and desire is for our journey in this life to be in relationship with other Christians in a church. People miss many blessings choosing not to be part of a Christian community, but it is a personal choice.

Second, riding the ferry is not cheap. It cost \$45 to take the ferry to Washington Island. Living your life as part of Christian community is free, but it is not cheap. Grace is free, but it is never cheap. The grace God extended to all people in Jesus Christ was costly. It cost the sacrifice of God's son. It does not cost to join the church; you do not pay dues as you do when you a club, but the opportunity to share God's resources you control is there. Those resources include your time, energy, talent and finances. The purpose of sharing is not primarily for the survival of the church, but for you to say thank you and to grow closer to God. God does not call you to do anything God has not already done or experienced.

How are you involved in the life of FUMC? Are you sharing your God given resources in a way that honors God? If you want to be more involved in the church family, speak with one of the staff or me. There is a place for you to serve and give. See you in worship and around the community.

Grace and peace, Ricky

Aldersgate Sunday School

The Aldersgate Sunday School Class, organized in 1952, brings together adults who wish to study the Bible and how it relates to our present time and circumstances. The group is now studying the Adult Bible Series, with Phyllis Hutchins as teacher, assisted by members of the class.

Projects sponsored by the Class include the Hand Cranked Transportation as well as Campus Ministries at UTRGV. Members enjoy singing and with the leadership of Gerrie Fritts as song leader and Joella Wyant at the piano the voices lift to the Lord. Several times a year we gather for lunch and fellowship.

President for 2019 is C.J. Mayberg with Tom Dunn as Vice-President. Joan Mayberg serves as Secretary-Treasurer.

Anyone looking for more study at Church is invited to visit the Aldersgate Class, meeting Sunday morning at 9:45 in the Keystone Room. Come see us!



Thank You from the Turk Family

Words cannot express how much all your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls, and visits have meant to us during this time of loss. We are never ready to let our loved ones go but we know that Marian is organizing things up in Heaven and singing with the angels as she joins the rest of our family and friends.

Blessings and love to all of you,
The Bill Turk Family