

The Messenger



BACK TO THE BIBLE MUSICAL & DINNER
FEATURING THE M & M CAMPERS

FRIDAY, JULY 27TH
AT 5:45 PM

DINNER AND MUSICAL PRESENTATION
IN THE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

\$3.00-CHILD
\$8.00 - TEENS/ADULTS
\$15 MAX PER FAMILY

RSVP THROUGH THE CHURCH OFFICE
956-686-3784

M & M (Missions and Music) Camp is right around the corner! Children and teens entering 3rd through 9th grade are invited to gather at FUMC July 23 through 27, 9:30 am—3:00 pm, for a fun week of music and service. Register at fumcmcallen.com. The mornings will be spent learning an original musical, *Back to the Bible*, written by our very own Alissa Shirah. Following lunch prepared by Donna Gibson, the campers will travel to places in the community to serve others. Come join them on Friday evening at 5:45 pm for their musical presentation and a delicious dinner. For reservations call the church office, 686-3784.

Pastor's Perspective

If there is one lesson I've learned from a major building project that lesson is patience. That lesson gets reinforced the closer we are to 100% completion of the sanctuary with a few last things to be done and issues resolved. The biggest project that awaits completion is the installation of the partition walls in the rear of the sanctuary. First, they were delayed in production, then the first set were too long and the second set were damaged in shipping so we are waiting for the hope-for final set!

We are waiting the for partition doors to be installed before the sound techs come back and do their final work and adjustments on the sound systems because having the partitions closed affects the acoustic properties of the sanctuary.

Waiting is hard. Frustrations rise while waiting and hope wans at the same time. But, we are a people called to wait. The writer of

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Worship Information

8:30 am—Traditional Worship
10:45 am—Contemporary Worship
11:00 am—Traditional Worship



Woven Women Ministry

Alissa Shirah, director of the Children's Choir with her husband Bo, has many talents. Among them is writing. She is the author of a published book, *Going Home*. An inspirational young adult novel, it is about a teenager as she embarks on a journey of self-discovery where she learns about the power of unconditional love and forgiveness. All women are invited to join Alissa on Tuesdays, August 7, 14, and 21 at 6:00

pm as she leads us in discussion of this contemporary version of the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Join us this month for the study of Frederick Buechner's *A Crazy, Holy Grace* on Thursdays, July 5, 12, 19, and 26. Both studies will meet in the Koinonia Room. Purchase books in the church office. Childcare will be available in Room 101.

Save the Date for the Emily's Meals Picnic—July 20th. Join us as we host this gathering and meal for our homeless friends.

COMMUNION OFFERING & Service Opportunities



On Mission

The recent rain and flooding events has caused thousands of neighbors in our surrounding communities to be left with water in their homes and much damage. ***The Communion Offering for July will go toward the El Valle District Disaster Relief Fund.***

There are many opportunities to serve our neighbors, as well as through financial contributions! You can:

- Serve in one of many ways at the Salvation Army, preparing, serving, feeding and/or driving.
- Assist at the Food Bank of the RGV sorting and bagging food
- Serving on a trained Early Management Team (ERT).

***We are a church serving God out in our community!
Where do you feel called to serve?***

If you wish to serve in any of the above ways or have questions or suggestions of other places to serve, please to call or e-mail Susan Hellums at (956)648-8509 or shellums@mcfirst.com

Youth Speak

It is safe to say that our FUMC McAllen Youth Ministry loves JESUS, PIZZA, & GAMES! It is evident in all they do, whether it is serving for a week long at Mission Service Project or getting together for lunch at the pizza parlor. This summer started with our Pizza Madness Step Up Party, then at the Rio Texas Annual Conference in Corpus Christi, which led right into a week of service at Mission Service Project, then they also served the Children’s Ministry at Vacation Bible School and afterwards participated in activities at After VBS Fun for the youth, and finally we met for lunch to enjoy pizza and great conversation. So now we are getting ready for our Summer Gatherings where we can focus on scripture and prayer; with some more games of course!



Important Dates

Summer Gatherings for Senior High Students

Tuesdays, 2:30-4:00PM
July 3, 31, Aug 7 & 14

Summer Gatherings for Middle School Students

Thursdays, 1:30-3:30PM
July 5, Aug 2, 9, & 16

Youth Week

All youth are invited to participate

July 8th-12th

Sunday—Thursday

Children’s M&M Camp

Monday—Friday
July 23rd—27th

Youth Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, July 29th

Arrive by 10:05AM

Please see our detailed calendar online at www.fumcmcallen.com

Pastor’s Perspective, cont’d

1 Timothy says, “At last the champion’s wreath that is awarded for righteousness is waiting for me. The Lord, who is the righteous judge, is going to give it to me on that day. He’s giving it not only to me but also to all those who have set their heart on waiting for his appearance.” (4:8)

We wait not by sitting around, but we wait actively. We engage the world with the love of God in Jesus Christ while we wait. We teach our children and youth and worship together as we wait. The partitions will be installed and the champion’s wreath has been reserved for you! So, we wait and serve. We wait and sing. We wait and worship. We wait and rejoice. See you in worship and around the community.

Grace and peace,

Ricky

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You can read current and past issues of our newsletter, The Messenger, and listen to our sermons online at our website: www.fumcmcallen.com

Perla’s Pearls of Wisdom

Perla Rivera, RN, is a Wesley Nurse with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. Methodist Healthcare Ministries’ Wesley Nurse program is a faith-based, holistic health and wellness program committed to serving the least served through education, health promotion and collaboration with individual and community in achieving improved wellness. through self-empowerment. Learn more at www.mhm.org.



For most of us, summer break has entered into full gear. There are trips to be taken and many fun experiences to be enjoyed. Rest is necessary as it gives your body, soul, and spirit a time to recuperate and replenish themselves. I want to leave you with a few health tips to help you engage in safe and healthy vacationing.

Avoid Tanning, Be Sun Safe-Avoid being in the sun without protective clothing or sunblock between 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Check Medications Before You Go-Avoid skipping doses or sharing your medication. Keep medication in a cool, dry place. Be Careful with Contact Lenses

Check Weather and Road Conditions- With last month’s torrential rains that lasted a couple of days and flooded so much of our Valley, one needs to take initiative to prepare for the worst. Don’t risk your life or those of your loved ones asking the Lord for wisdom and guidance in making decisions to travel.

For more information, please visit <https://www.fda.gov/> the FDA’s Consumer Updates page. May your time of rest vacationing, fun and with family be richly blessed!