

The Messenger



June Communion Offering Mission Service Project 2019

The Communion Offering for June will go to support Mission Service Project (MSP) 2019. First UMC has been blessed to host MSP for many years! The dates of MSP are June 9-15. This is an opportunity for youth to serve in God’s mission in our local area. In the past,

MSP’s ministry has been housing repair, while sharing the love of God with our neighbors. This Sr. High School youth mission experience is a week of service, learning, worship, and fellowship together. At press time, we have teams from McAllen, Mission, and Stockdale!

We hope you will prayerfully consider your gift to this ministry and mark your calendar for this event! We will need LOTS of volunteers to serve in many different ways! Check out the board at both the Fellowship and Sanctuary entrances, or pick up a list of opportunities which can be found around the church in coming weeks. This youth mission experience cannot happen without adults who will commit to some area of service. Please contact Veronica Dillon or Susan Hellums (686-3784) if you have questions or want to become involved.

Pastor’s Perspective June 2019

June is upon us. June...the thermometer threatens the three-digit level. June...summer schedules for families begin with a bit more flexibility....annual conference for people called United Methodists. Annual conference is a gathering of delegates from each church in the Rio Texas Annual Conference to conduct the necessary business of the church. Business sessions are important, but maybe not the most memorable events of AC. Chairs grow hard after hours of sitting and listening.

However, events that occur around each annual conference are memorable, spirit lifting and Holy Spirit-filled. I’m speaking of the worship services held each day of AC. The music and preaching are always done with excellence. Gathering with 1000-1500 brothers and sisters in Christ to praise God and beseech God in prayer fills the soul to overflowing, and I always leave AC energized.

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Worship Information

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

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Jesus communicated deep spiritual truths through simple, vivid, and engaging stories. The parables of Jesus made the kingdom of God understandable and accessible to his listeners. Gather with us to gain new insights into his parables and their meanings that will help you to appreciate more fully their relevance for your own life.

Women's Summer Bible Study

Monday Evenings

6:00-7:15 p.m.

Overflow Room East

June 10, 17 & 24 – July 8, 15, & 22

Childcare is available

Purchase book in church office (\$6.00)

Train children in the way they should go; when they grow old, they won't depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



Thank you to all of the adults and teens who say **YES!** to helping us share Jesus with children all year long! Vacation Bible School and M & M Camp are two other opportunities to make a difference in the life of a child. Take time to visit the foyer this Sunday and sign up to offer your help greeting, serving snacks, guiding children, teaching, or acting out bible lessons. The children need you!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24-28th
9:00AM to 12:00 noon

For children 4yrs old thru 5th grade by September 1, 2019

Register online at fumcmcallen.com or through the church office.

At VBS this summer kids will discover that even though life gets wild, **God Is Good**. The mornings will be filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences that the kids will see, hear, touch and taste! Come join us on this exciting VBS adventure!

All children in 3rd through 9th grade (by Sept. 1, 2019) are invited to join us for M & M Camp this July. They will spend mornings reaching out to needy people in our community and afternoons learning a musical written by Alissa Shirah. They will present that musical to family and friends on Friday evening. The fee is \$25.

Missions & Music Camp

July 29th – Aug. 2nd 9:30AM – 3:00PM

MONDAY – FRIDAY

\$25.00 includes lunch & t-shirt
(3rd - 9th graders by September 2019 - scholarships are available)

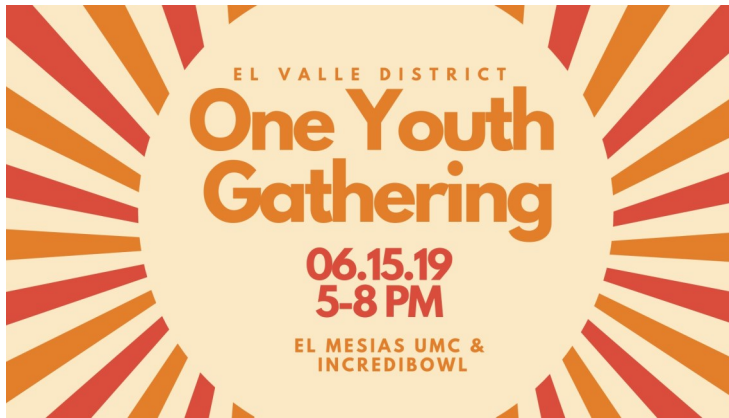
*Missions in the morning * Music in the afternoon * Lunch in between*

Register online at fumcmcallen.com or through the church office - Registration deadline - July 19th

Musical Presentation & refreshments on Friday, August 2nd

Youth Speak

All YOUTH (incoming 6th through outgoing 12th grades) are invited to participate at this event! We start off with a Youth Worship Service at 5pm at El Mesias UMC in Mission, and finish off the night with dinner and fun at Incredibowl. Spots are limited, so register online before June 3rd.



AFTER VBS FUN
FUMC YOUTH MINISTRY
\$20

- MONDAY 6/24**
Chocolate Fountain & Cheese Fondue
- TUESDAY 6/25**
Kahn's Grill & Open Gym
- WEDNESDAY 6/26**
Pizza & Wet Fun
- THURSDAY 6/27**
Movies & Concessions

All YOUTH (incoming 6th through outgoing 12th grades) are invited to participate as this event! Meet upstairs in Room 205 at 12:15pm everyday.

Stay Fresh this Summer
Truth, Food, & Fun
6:30-8:30 P.M.
VARIOUS TUESDAYS
FUMC MCALEN YOUTH MINISTRY

Stay fresh in the Word during the summer!
June 18th, July 2nd, 23rd, & 30th, Aug. 6th, 13th, & 20th

FUMC MCALEN YOUTH MINISTRY
PRAYER & BREAKFAST
9:35 a.m.
various Thursdays

Come for the PRAYER—stay for the BREAKFAST! June 20th, July 25th, Aug. 1st, & 15th

*\$5 Love Offering are always welcomed & encouraged to help with the cost of food.

Important Dates

Rio Texas

Annual Conference

June 5—8

Mission Service Project

June 9—15

One Youth Gathering

Saturday, June 15

5:00-8:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

June 24—28

Youth Hospitality Sunday

Sunday, June 30

Youth Week

MON-THURS., July 8-11

6-8PM

M & M Camp

MON-FRI

July 29-Aug. 2

Check our detailed calendar online at www.fumcmcallen.com

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Pastor's Perspective, cont'd.

Attendance at regular worship tends to wane during the summer months, but be reminded that worship puts us in God's presence, stirs up our own spirits, and strengthens us to live each day to the fullest for God and others. This summer I want to encourage everyone to heed the advice of Hebrews 10:25, *Don't stop meeting together with other believers, which some people have gotten into the habit of doing. Instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the day drawing near.*

No matter where your travels take you this summer or how your schedule changes, remember to honor God through your worship and giving. God's relentless love for you never stops. May it be so with our love of God and neighbor. See you in worship and around the community!

Grace and peace,
Pastor Ricky

NEW Opportunities to Serve!

CarePortal - The Care Portal serves as a wonderful tool to bring the needs of hurting children and families in the surrounding community to the attention of local churches. We are excited to be part of this collaborative effort, working with the Child Welfare System to assist hurting children and their families in our community.

Come learn about how our church will be partnering with the Department of Family Protective Services as we share with local families in need. Cornelia Garza from DFPS and Ashley Wycophen from CarePortal will visit with us!

WHEN: Wednesday, May 22 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Overflow East Room (Sanctuary)



The mission of Project Transformation is to engage young adults (college students) in purposeful leadership and ministry and to support children in holistic development, connecting churches with communities.

Project Transformation provides two key services: 1) Leadership development and ministry exploration opportunities for college-age young adults through summer and one-year service internships. 2) Community oriented after-school and summer day camp programming for children and youth from low-income neighborhoods.

Do you love to read to and interact with elementary children? Summer Reading Buddies are needed for elementary children! Project Transformation is a ministry of the Rio Texas Conference and is located at El Divino Redentor UMC in McAllen. If you are interested in volunteering to serve with the children attending Project Transformation this summer, please visit the website: <https://projecttransformation.org> to sign up. You can go to Reading Buddies at El Divino Redentor—Project Transformation—Rio Texas: givepulse.com. Many other ways to serve are also listed at this site!