

September 2019

First United Methodist Church, McAllen

# The Messenger



## CarePortal

### September Communion Offering

We are excited for our Church family to be a part of this collaborative effort working with the Child Welfare System serving foster children and at-risk families in our own community, through the CarePortal of Hidalgo County! The CarePortal serves as a wonderful tool to connect children and families in crisis to churches and people who want to help! Through the CarePortal, local Churches are made aware of specific needs, giving them a real-time opportunity to respond.

The most requested items are cribs, toddler beds and bunk beds, dressers, and car seats. All these items help ensure safety, permanency and well-being for children and families involved with child welfare or prevent the need for child welfare involvement.

The Communion Offering for September will be to purchase some items to have on hand with our CarePortal so that we can respond quickly to requested needs and funds for immediate response. We also encourage you to call the church office if you have any of the above mentioned items you would like to donate!

*We are blessed to be given this opportunity to serve showing God's love!*

### Pastor's Perspective

The fall season is an exciting time in the church! With summer ending, and a new school year starting, it is a time in the church when more people are regularly in worship, bible studies and small groups reconvene, and new life is breathed into our church.

It is also an incredibly accessible time to begin doing something new in the life of the church. With many of our small groups and bible studies just getting ready to start anew, there is hardly a better time to jump in. We have mid-week bible studies starting in a few weeks and student ministries that are newly accessible to students just entering elementary, middle, or high school. Ministries like our Motet Choir just started meeting again, and I know Emily's Meals is always looking for more helping hands to do God's work in our community. The fall season presents us with new ministry opportunities for discipleship in our own faith journeys, and God is calling us to be the Church!

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### Worship Information

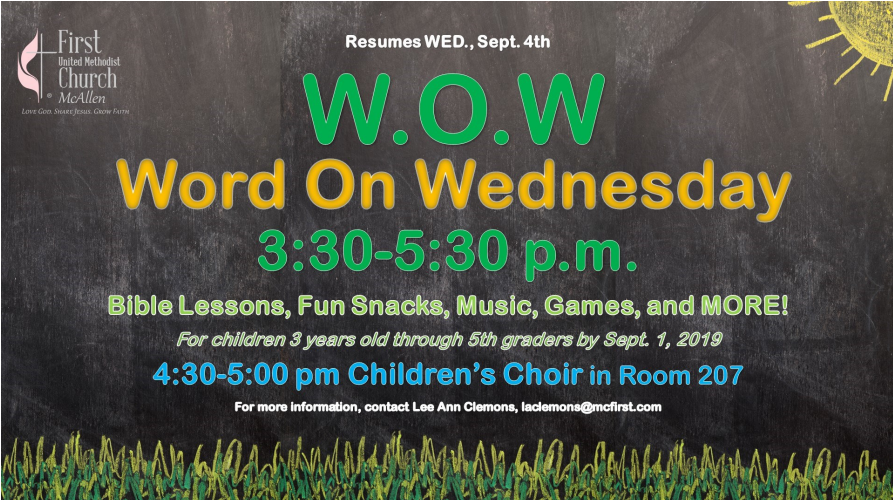
- 8:30 am—Traditional Worship
- 10:45 am—Contemporary (Praise Band) Worship
- 11:00 am—Traditional Worship

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### *Third Grade Bible Presentation*

*Sunday, September 22*

*It is a blessing to present  
third graders with new  
Bibles each year during  
worship services. Contact  
Lee Ann Clemons to let  
us know which service  
your third grader will be  
attending.*



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McAllen  
Love God. Share Jesus. Grow Faith.

Resumes WED., Sept. 4th

# W.O.W.

## Word On Wednesday

### 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Bible Lessons, Fun Snacks, Music, Games, and MORE!  
For children 3 years old through 5th graders by Sept. 1, 2019

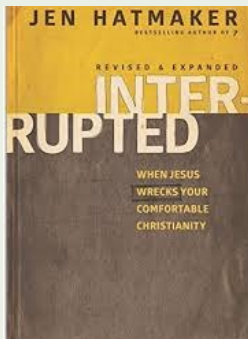
4:30-5:00 pm Children's Choir in Room 207

For more information, contact Lee Ann Clemons, [laclemons@mcfirst.com](mailto:laclemons@mcfirst.com)

*Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey.  
Psalm 119:105 (CEB)*

## Woven Women Ministry

The women of FUMC McAllen invite all (men, included!) to the events mentioned below. For more information contact Peggy Trom or Lee Ann Clemons. Childcare is always available upon request.



### *Women's Fall Book Study*

*September 9, 16, & 23  
6:00-7:15 pm*

*Overflow Room West*

*Christ brought Jen and her family to a place of living on mission by asking them tough questions, leading them through Scripture, and walking together with them on the path. Inter-rupted invites readers to take a similar journey.*




### Journey Through the Garden with Peggy

SAT., Sept. 14 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Coffee and breakfast snacks while we learn from Peggy Miller, followed by a tour of the garden.  
All are invited!

*It is a joy to let the college-aged young people know we care! Come help us assemble boxes filled with goodies and encouraging words.*

*Join us in the Koinonia Room for coffee on the 14th and learn all about the Biblical Garden Peggy Miller is in the process of planting. Then stay for a tour!*



Woven Women

### BETTER THAN A BACKPACK CARE KITS FOR COLLEGE KIDS

MON., September 16th, at 7:15 p.m.  
Sanctuary Overflow West Room

Join us in assembling care packages for our college aged church family!



### In the Kitchen with Beth

SAT., Sept. 21  
9AM-12PM

Sign-up fee (\$120) must be prepaid at the church office by 9/13/19. Fee includes all ingredients, bags, and pans needed for meal prepping. Bring your favorite chopping knife and cutting board.

All (men & women) are invited to join us!

*Ready to get organized with your meal planning as the busy school year begins!?! Join Beth Martinez as she guides us through meal prepping for 10 meals serving 4 people each. There is a limit of 20 people for the class, so sign up ASAP through the church office!*

# Youth Speak



**MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
BREAKFAST & DEVO

7:00 AM  
1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

A white plate with a fried egg and a slice of toast on a dark background.

Join us on  
Tues., Sept. 3rd  
at Chick-Fil-A



OPEN GYM ~ STUDY GROUP ~ DINNER

**SUNDAY NIGHT  
YOUTH GROUP**

6:00-8:00 PM

Starting on  
Sun., Sept. 8th  
Bring a friend  
& \$5 for pizza

Illustrations of a trophy, books, a pizza box, a football, a basketball hoop, a volleyball, and a hand holding a megaphone.



**HIGH SCHOOL**  
DINNER & DEVOTIONAL

7:00 PM  
2ND MONDAY OF THE MONTH

A burger and fries in a white paper container.

Join us on  
Mon., Sept. 9th  
at the Corner  
Bakery Cafe



**WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT  
YOUTH  
GROUP**

6:00-8:00 PM

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Starting on  
Wed., Sept. 11th-  
Bring your Bible  
& \$5 for dinner



**Youth HOSPITALITY Sunday**

September 29th  
11AM Traditional Worship Service

All youth, 6th through 12th graders, are encouraged to participate

Silhouettes of five people holding up letters that spell 'JESUS' against a sunset sky.

Download the church App for the latest updates  
or check our detailed calendar online at [www.fumcmcallen.com](http://www.fumcmcallen.com)

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*Pastor's Perspective, cont'd.*

In a church our size it is often tempting to just be a face in a sea of faces; to blend in with hopes of little to no additional expectations outside of Sunday morning worship. But, we know God wants more from us! This month, on September 4<sup>th</sup>, we are going to gather together for a Fish Fry Fellowship Dinner. While this is primarily intended as a time of fellowship for the many people that make up our church, it is also going to be an opportunity to learn more about the many ministry opportunities that are fast approaching, and sign up!

We are a church that Loves God, Shares Jesus, and Grows Faith... so let's not only love God and share Jesus, but grow in our faith together this fall!

To the Glory of God,  
Pastor Robert



**FISH FRY  
FELLOWSHIP  
DINNER**

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

Join us for a fun dinner & plug in to any of our upcoming Fall events or Bible studies.



***All are invited to a delicious Fish Fry Dinner and Fellowship!***

***September 4th 5:30-6:45 pm  
In the Fellowship Center***

***Chuck Crowsey and his crew have a load of fresh fish ready to fry and serve as we gather to enjoy fellowship and learn about the upcoming fall studies and events happening at FUMC McAllen.***

***Information and sign-ups will be available for Children and Youth***

***Ministry programs and events, as well as Adult Bible Studies, Sunday School classes, and Mission/Outreach Ministries.***

***Please let us know you are coming by calling the church office, 956-686-3784, or completing a sign-up in the worship bulletin by Sunday, September 1. Love offering will be accepted. Come feast and fellowship with us!***