

EXCITING PLANS FOR FALL!!

*God is faithful and has answered our prayers by filling the positions of
Children's Coordinator and Youth Director!*

Mindy Sullivan has agreed to take over as our Children's Coordinator and has already begun work on the Kidz Klub and other aspects of this vital ministry. Donna Williams has accepted the position of Youth Director and due to our current financial situation has agreed to work as a volunteer. Thank you ladies!



We will officially announce Mindy and Donnas' ministry on Promotion Sunday, August 28th. We will also recognize the work of our many volunteers who have made our youth and children's ministry such a rich and rewarding program. Promotion Sunday is always a festive time and we would like to take advantage of this to promote our church and our programs. *CrossFire* will play during the Sunday School celebration. Each class will make signs and cheer as we celebrate this mile stone in our children's life and the life of the church. Afterwards we will worship together in one service at 10:40. We will follow the Traditional format for our combined service. The *Spirit Seekers Class* will host a Potluck and will provide Hamburgers, Hotdogs and drinks, and are asking the congregation to bring sides and desserts after the service. Please be in prayer for this day and encourage attendance.

Kidz Klub!

Kidz Klub will be in full swing starting Sept. 7, 2016.



Kidz Klub

Once again we are asking individuals and/or Sunday School classes to volunteer to provide snacks for the Kidz on Wednesdays. You can sign up for a week, a month or until Kidz Klub ends in next May. You are free to bring whatever you would like such as baked goods or store bought, pretzels, popcorn you name it and they will enjoy it! A Kidz Klub calendar is available in the office if you would like to start signing up.

There are also registration forms available in the office, please fill out one for each child that will be attending. If you have any questions you may contact Mindy Sullivan at 782-7232.



Our Church nursery is in need of volunteers who would be willing to serve as back up for our current nursery workers when they are sick or unavailable to be here. To serve in the nursery you must be Ministry Safe. The nursery is available for children who are 4 years of age and under.

Take a Walk With Christ

Things are starting to heat up with a blazing forecast for the future. Yes, it is hot outside. But the real heat is coming out of our political atmosphere. Both of our major parties have had their conventions and the stage is set for the most negative campaign season in recent memory. For many Americans it doesn't look like civility and dignity are going to be a presidential virtue. So who's to blame? For this one, we may need to start with ourselves. The hot winds that blow across our landscape may very well reflect the words and actions of the American people. Which, unfortunately, does not does reflect the words and actions of Christ Jesus.

While I can't speak for those without the Christian faith, I do feel the Christian people are called to a higher level of behavior. Let's think about our profession that Jesus Christ is Lord and what it means to us as followers.

To proclaim the lordship of Jesus Christ is to announce our active discipleship as Christ followers. This includes a Christ-like humility and serves as a rebuttal against arrogance within the church and the world. It is in the life, teachings, and actions of Jesus and not ourselves that we find an understanding of God. The life of Jesus demonstrated humility and obedience to God. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul reminds us how out of place arrogance is with the life and teachings of Jesus. It is by Jesus' crucifixion at the hands of humanity that God exalts him and Lordship is redefined (*Phil. 2:1-11*).

The one true Lord over humanity is not arrogant or dictatorial but a humble servant whose self-sacrifice proclaims the love of God for humanity. It is this lack of humility within Christ' church that often inhibits our growth, as people see us as hypocritical and arrogant. Our lack of humility has often laid the foundation for church dysfunction and weakened our prophetic message of God's love and reconciliation through Christ. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is too often an empty title we bestow on God. To proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord is to acknowledge that Jesus is a way of life, a true revelation of God, and the fullest expression of living, which is experienced in the love of God. The Lordship of Jesus Christ is a call for disciples to be active in the present kingdom of God as well as to remain confident in the hope of the life to come.

*⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and
under the earth,*

*¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

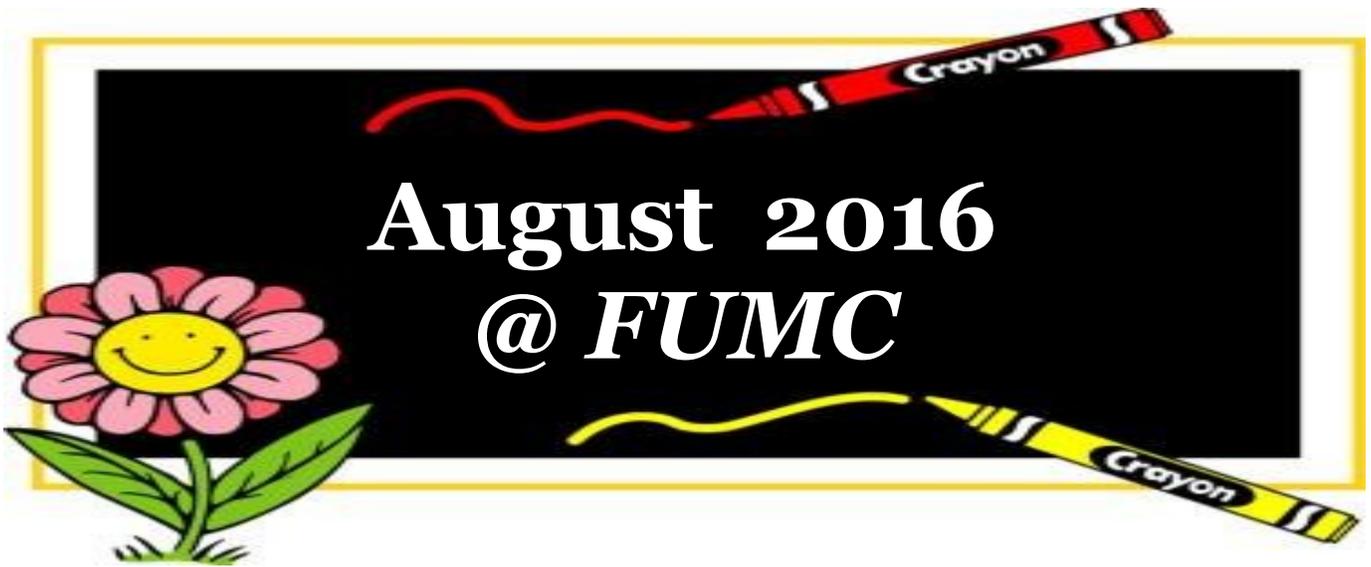
Phil. 2:5-11

Yet, we do know what makes for peace, for Christ has come, he has shown us the way, to love God, to love neighbor, and to love self. It's not fear, it's not hate, it's not revenge. And it's not a blind, everything in this world is roses view. Evil is real, evil lives, and it feeds on fear, hate, prejudice, greed and hunger. Evil exist in the places where the love of God has been shut out, it lives out among humanity, and if we listen to God's spirit within us, we know we are convicted of letting it live within us too. Not to the degree that darkens the headlines of the news. Hate filled groups like ISIS, with no respect for human life. Or those in our own country who committed unspeakable crimes. But in our words, our inner-action with each other, we must ask ourselves, are we feeding the beast? Each day and each night do we contribute to that which tears us apart or to the kingdom of God which by its very nature brings us together? For we are not slaves to this darkness, we are not born to feed evil's hunger for human souls. By the love of God we are re-born, if we will allow.

Each day and every day, Christians need to take a walk with Christ, through the depths of our souls, so that the Lord of heaven can help us weed out our sins, the big and small, so that we do not feed the anger, the discourse, the bitterness, and greed that grips our nation and tears us apart. We are the body of Christ, let the world see God's love in us.

Take Care and God Bless,

Pastor Rick



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1 No WFF	2	3 9:30 prayer	4 7:00 WFF	5	6
	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #FFD700; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Pastor Rick on vacation Aug. 1 - 14 </div>					
7	8 7:00 WFF	9	10 9:30 prayer	11 7:00 WFF	12	13 9:00 -11:00 Food Box dist. 2:00-4:00 F. Hall in use
14	15 6:30 Church Council 7:00 WFF	16 6:30 Finance committee mtg.	17 9:30 prayer 6:00-8:00 Youth messy olympics	18 7:00 WFF	19	20 9:00-3:15 N.TX. Conf. Laity Debrief- ing @ Walnut Hill UMC, Dallas
21	22 School starts 7:00 WFF	23	24 9:30 prayer	25 4:00 Commodities 6:00 Worship com. mtg. 7:00 WFF	26	27
28 9:30 Rally Sunday One worship @ 10:40 Potluck after service	29 7:00 WFF	30	31 9:30 prayer			

Trustee Update

By the time you read this, the painting of the front and sides of the sanctuary should be complete. We had a couple of “oops”, but for the most part, everything went smoothly. Please be careful of the front sidewalk area, where the lift made a large divot in the grass, we will need to get some fill dirt to take care of that and a few other areas.

As we continue in the hot summer months, please continue to be diligent about turning off lights when you leave a room and not leaving any doors open or unlocked. Your continued help in the upkeep of our building and grounds is greatly appreciated.

As you may be aware, the compressor on the commercial refrigerator in the kitchen went out, but Laszlo and Kathy Papp came to the rescue and have obtained another compressor, FREE of charge. “Thank you very much” to Laszlo and Kathy, hopefully there will be no other problems and once the compressor is installed we will be back up and running.

Just a reminder, if you see a problem, or something that needs to have attention in regards to the building and grounds, please feel out a maintenance request (available in the office), or contact one of the members of the Trustees Committee.

Carolyn Lalk, Chair,
Trustees Committee

Gather Us In

*Gather us in the lost and forsaken,
gather us in the blind and the lame;
call to us now and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.*



There is a parable in Luke 14: 7-14. There was a banquet being given for a wedding celebration. The parable has to do with where the guests will be seated. The parable relates that if one more important than another comes in and the host may ask to the already seated guest to move to a lowlier place at the table. Jesus ends his parable by saying that, “*When you give a banquet invite the poor, crippled, lame and blind. And you will be blessed because they can't repay you (as your friends would if you were invited to their homes). Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected.*”

In James 2, James states that God does not show partiality. God loves us all equally and does not play “favorites.” We then, as his followers, should do the same by not favoring one person with better qualities over others with lesser ones. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. The world would be a much better place if we practice his impartiality.

Prayer: *Lord, help us to see others impartially. You have loved us with an unconditional everlasting love. Let us be as you as to us by caring for all of your children.*

Carole 🎵



Debriefing for the Laity of the North Texas Conference

Special Conference Event for ALL Laity!

Saturday, August 20, 2016 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Panelists and presenters will consist of the Lay Delegation and Alternates to General Conference. This event is being held to equip Disciples and will be at: Walnut Hill UMC, 10066 Marsh Lane, Dallas, TX 75229

There will be Panel Discussion, Lunch, and Information Sessions on topics discussed in committee and brought to the floor for a vote. The cost is \$20 (Includes lunch).

Or call Susan Anderson at (940) 497-2707 to register.

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Please Join Us For

**Tom and Carole Venhaus's
Birthday Party**

Saturday, August 13, 2016
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
201 E. Bank, Iowa Park, TX

RSVP: Amanda Galliton
940-782-4012

No gifts, please

Coming in September!!

HOLY  YOGA

Bring your mat and come to our new ministry. Join us in praising God with our bodies, breath and souls.



Operation Christmas Child

Christmas? Yes! now is a great time to be thinking about *Operation Christmas Child*. There are a lot of clearance sales and back-to-school sales going on right now so why not pick up an extra box of crayons, pencils, or any other items you may be purchasing for your own children or grandchildren and be ready to pack a shoebox or two for a child in need.

- * Carole Venhaus, Minister of Music
- * Pat Doan, Keyboardist
- * Stacia Arredondo, Secretary
- * Rachel Spears, Nursery Attendant
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