

It is amazing how fast the time can fly. Just yesterday, I was bemoaning the end of college football only to now read that spring practices have finished. The magazine racks are now sporting the spring predictions of the new fall season. Basketball, which seems to last forever, is now in the playoffs. Baseball is now in full swing and the Rangers still are true to form. This all must mean that summer is not far behind.

Now, we are anxiously waiting for the time when life will slow down to a summer pace. Of glasses of tea or lemonade sipped slowly on the front porch with a gentle breeze cooling us off while the busy world just passes by. But for most of us that is not our reality. Summer brings new things, busy things, but on a different time schedule. A life that is full of busyness even in vacation. Our time and schedules are often full and our feet hit the floor running every day. No wonder we are so tired not only physically but spiritually as well.

'Let us not get so busy or live so fast that we can't listen to the music of the meadow or the symphony that glorifies the forest. Some things in the world are far more important than wealth; one of them is the ability to enjoy simple things.
Dale Carnegie

God understands that we often need that time of rest. Jesus often took time away from the busyness of His ministry to go off alone and pray. Jesus knew that He needed to connect with His heavenly Father. Prayer is that time where we too can make that connection.

"Sometimes we think we are too busy to pray. That is a great mistake, for praying is a saving of time."
Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Psalm 46:10 calls us to "Be still and know that I am God." This season of busyness, take some time out of each day to be still before our maker. Plug into the life giving source of all good things. Glory in His presence and be still.

Peace to you,
In His Grace,
Kelly

ACTS of Prayer
Adoration - Praising, worshipping God, for Who He is
Confession - Asking God to cleanse us from sin
Thanksgiving - Believing, acknowledging God's grace
Supplication - Our specific prayer requests

Dr. Kelly Krone
Pastor
First United Methodist Church



2025

FIRST UNITED METHODIST



CHURCH

Grand Saline, TX 75140

Sunday Activities:

Sunday School—9:55 am

Worship—10:55 am

Tribe— 5:00pm

Office Hours:

Mon. – Thurs.

10am- Noon, 1- 3pm

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Senior Pastor

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May 11, 2025



First Lent Lunch March 12th

Tom Rodgers, Laity
GSFUMC



Second Lent Lunch March 19th

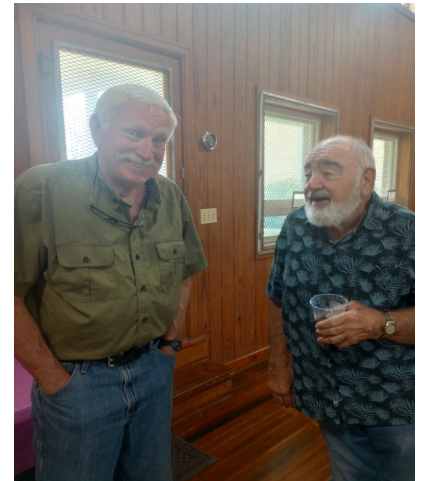
Pastor Jeremy Talley
Church of the Nazarene





Third Lent Lunch March 26th 2025

Pastor Randy Edwards
Caney Creek Cowboy Church





Fourth Lent Lunch April 2, 2025

Pastor Kelly Krone
First United Methodist Church
Grand Saline



When Jesus talks, everybody listens!



Fifth Lent Lunch April 9, 2025



Micah Lewis
Superintendent of Grand Saline
ISD



Anyone recognize this Wascally Wabbit??



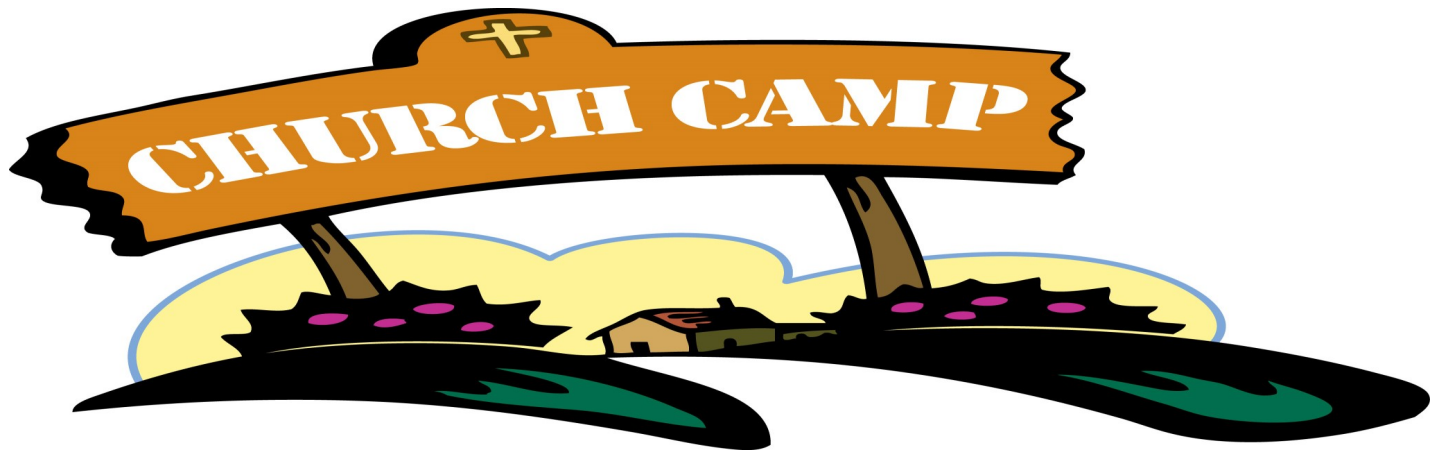
The Easter Bunny came to Grand Saline!!



Workers needed for
Church Nursery.
If you are interested,
please contact Gail Hill,
903-312-5283



The Adult Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 9:50am to 10:45am in the Pairs and Spares room, directly next door to the Church Office. We love new members, and you will be welcomed with loving, friendly faces. Someone in our class will greet you at the door and make you feel right at home. **Please join us.** If you are interested in attending our class, just come on in! Any questions, please call Emile Clifford, Class Teacher- (903) 360-0924 and—we look forward to seeing you! Our May lessons are in 1st & 2nd Chronicles & Ezra.



At Lakeview Methodist Conference Center

June 16th ~ June 20th

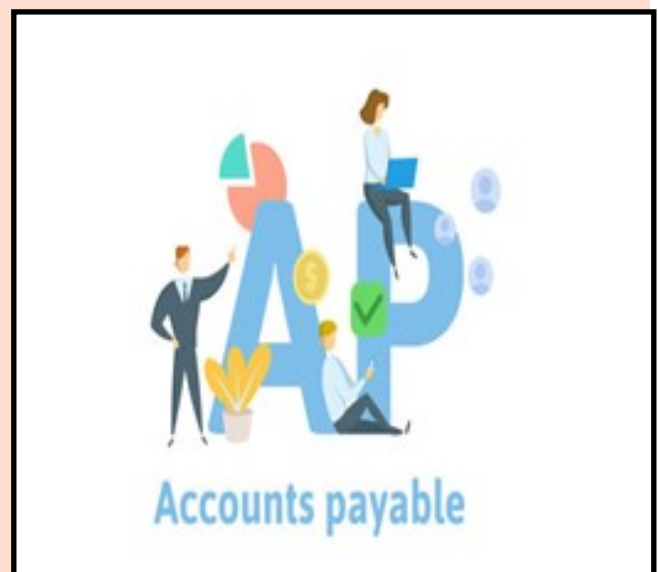
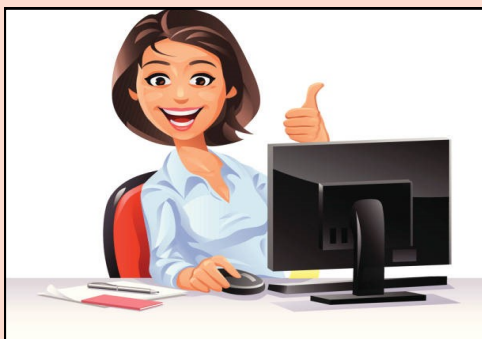
Palestine Texas

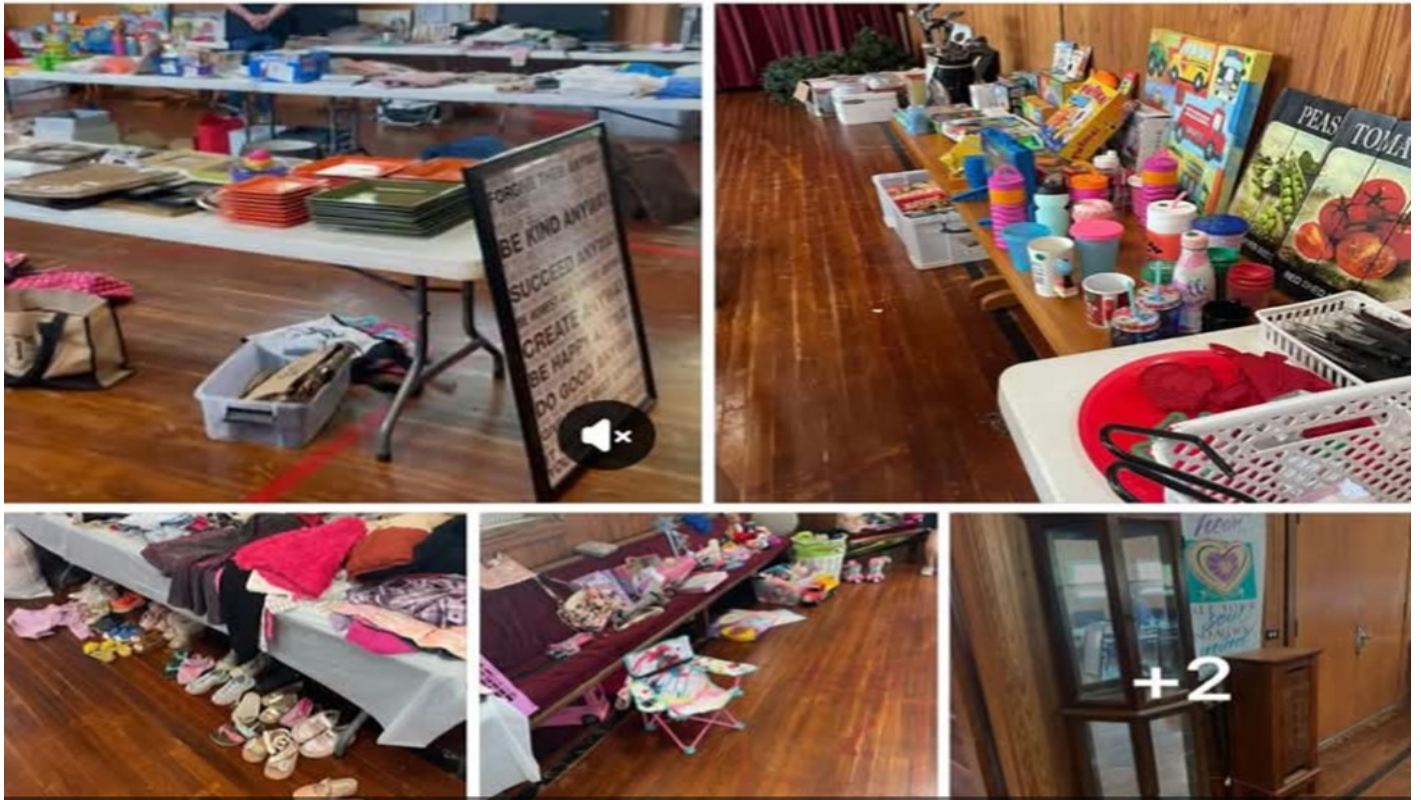
We are looking for volunteers to help with our Accounts Payable.

QuickBooks Online is what we utilize.

You will be working with Randall Gary and Maxine Watson to begin the process. If you are interested, reach out to the church office (903) 962-3151) and we can set a time to meet.

Dr. Kelly Krone
Pastor
First United Methodist Church
Grand Saline, Texas





Funds from the April 2025 FUMC Garage Sale will go directly to the children for their Scholarships for Church Camp fees. The sale was a huge success!



Funds from the Plant Sale will go to the upkeep of our Church building. Thank you to Jim and Martha Berry for the donation of the beautiful plants! The sale was a great success!

Children's Sunday School

Join us at 9:55am



The 3rd through 5th grade Sunday School class enjoyed a trip to Min-eola to see the replica of the Tabernacle that Moses and the Israelites built with God's instructions to Moses. They learned about the High Priest and even had a photo opp with a replica of his garments.

The trip reinforced our recent study of the Tabernacle.

Teachers: Gail Hill, Debbie Zajac, Pam Harrison and Brenda Miller

The Craft Group

The Crafters finished work on the BUNNY TAILS for the three Nursing Homes in Grand Saline. We continue to make cards for The Brunch Bunch to send out.

The Craft Group is open to everyone, The crafters meet the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10:00am - 12:00pm in the Genesis Building. The group works together in making simple crafts appropriate to the season to give to different groups, like nursing homes, school teachers, children, etc. We form new friendships and work together to serve. You might even come just to visit and fellowship with new friends. Hope to see you on 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Enjoy old friends and new friends as we plant, impact, ripple and grow.

Jolene Morgan (903) 738- 1789



by GSFUMC Craft Group



Children's Christian Academy News

Salutations from the PreK!

This will be our last article of the 2024-25 school year. We are now in our last few weeks of school and as always we realize we are doing our "last time" events with a number of our students. My prayer is always that they will come to know Christ at a young age and their lips will always sing the praises of the Lord. We conclude 34 years of ministry and can't wait to see what the Lord has in store for year 35.

This school year the CCA has employed 5 women. We have faithfully paid our tithe and gave the church an offering of \$800. For the time being the CCA has turned the "Cans for Kids" money over to the general fund of the church.

We have provided tools to parents to teach their children about Jesus. At Christmas families are given a Jesus doll to replace the secular "elf on the shelf" and a list of activities to bring the holiday to a more Christ center event. They are also given a book to read telling the birth of Christ. At Easter each family received a Resurrection egg set that teaches the Easter story of Jesus. We provided fun cookie recipes that told the story of the empty tomb. The end of the year graduation ceremony we give each child their own Bible. This is our mission, to get the gospel to each home and we do a great job at this.

Our community outreach is very important as it allows for others to see Jesus in us. We donated to our city wide haircuts for kids returning to school. We adopted a local soldier stationed in Israel and sent Christmas care packages to him. We even sent enough for him to share with his unit. We have bathed our soldier in prayer weekly. The second community outreach was to our own breaking bread pantry where our teachers, parents and committee members donated feminine hygiene products. We also support our local library by sharing their events via social media and with our CCA parents.

The other branch of ministry of CCA is to our teachers. We would not exist without good teachers. We must support and encourage the ones who are actually sowing seeds and working the fields. The CCA has a magnificent committee that is dedicated to making sure our teachers feel appreciated and loved.

As this year comes to an end, I ask the same question that I do every year, what is your part in supporting CCA? Are you praying daily for us? Are you supporting the teachers? Do you give time or money to CCA? For 34 years this church has been made aware that the CCA is indeed a mission field, ripe for the harvest. I'm confident where I will spend my eternity so now it's my job to make sure these families know Jesus. I believe wholeheartedly that we will stand accountable before God and answer for what we gave or knowingly ignored. If the Holy Spirit is moving you to learn more about this ministry, please contact me or any committee member. Be blessed in the name of Jesus!

Eva Carnes,
Director



Breaking Bread *Community* Food Pantry



"For I was hungry and
you gave me food."
(Matthew 25:35a)

903-962-3151

**1st & 3rd
THURSDAYS**
4PM - 6PM

Serving our neighbors in the
Grand Saline & Fruitvale ISDs

Breaking Bread News

High Tops and Hallelujahs

It seems like nearly every month, there's a story that comes out of our Pantry that deserves to be told: Things that make you shake your head in wonder and amazement, things that have the fingerprints of angels all over them.

This last month, it was Russell. I don't know anyone as in need as Russell. Through a series of unfortunate events, he finds himself on the fringe of society. He is as poor as a church mouse, his body is failing him, and he's unable to do things that you and I do without a thought. If you were to ask me who we serve that has the most need, I would tell you it's Russell.

There have been times that he's let us know he is in need of a certain item. He needed a walking stick, he has asked for a fan. The church has helped him with bills from time to time. We've provided him a large-print Bible, because he can't afford glasses.

Last month, he walked into our pantry with his beautiful smile. Russell has a big heart. What he didn't have was a pair of shoes. Now I have gone off to Dallas without a pair of shoes in my car by accident, and had to stop at Walmart and buy a pair of new ones, but Russell didn't have any shoes at all.

On that day, our sweet Dave Hutcheson happened to have a pair of brand new hightop tennis shoes in his car. For whatever reason, he decided he did not need them. Those new shoes ended up going home with Russell, and my heart melted. I don't think this was a coincidence at all, rather a heaven-sent opportunity to answer a need.

"...whatever you did for the least of these..."

Matt 25:40

blairbear :)



Avery Gowins dropping off Birthday -in-a-bag
to Breaking Bread Food Pantry-
Girl Scout Camp Bette Perot



Food Distribution
Truck

The Brunch Bunch is a Ministry of our Church that sends greeting cards to help someone's day be better and know they are loved and thought about! If anyone has a special person that we can send a card to, please contact Sue Myers and we will be happy to send it. We hope you will join us for this rewarding Ministry. As we say, ***"the more the merrier."*** Praise God to all those who come to make out cards and to those receiving them.

Our meeting was on April 28th, we began with Prayer by Pastor Kelly. Attending: Pastor Kelly, Patsy Crow, Bob Gray, John Post and Maxine Watson. We sent out 46 cards at our April meeting for the month of May. What a Blessing!

Our next Brunch Bunch meeting is Tuesday, May 27th at 11:00am, (Monday is Memorial Day), we will be sending cards for June 2025.

We always have a delicious lunch! If you would like to come, just bring yourself and a dish or just join us to encourage others.

We always have a wonderful gathering, enjoying the company and making out cards to those who need some love and comfort at this time.



The Flower Chart for 2025 is up in the Narthex. If you would like to sign up to have flowers in memory of or in Honor of someone and the date you would like. The Crafters can make the arrangement for a \$20.00 donation to the Craft Group. You may bring fresh flowers or have a Florist deliver them to the Church on Saturday before the specified Sunday.

If you have any questions, please call Jolene Morgan (903) 738-2789 or the Church office (903) 962-3151.

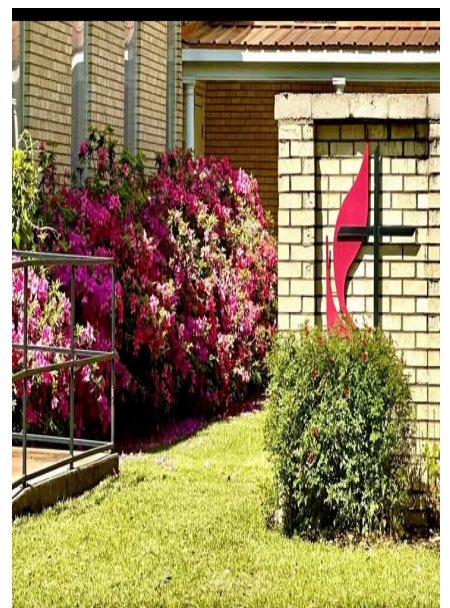




Thank you, Jay and Debra Moore for this beautiful and colorful Bulletin Board. It brightens up the hallway and makes you want to HOP!



Bulletin Boards decorated by Debra Moore
Thank you Debra, very appreciated!





The Joy Choir will be contributing to worship on Mothers day playing handbells and singing, followed by playing at a Nursing Home and making our excursion to the Tyler Zoo later in May. This will close out our activities for the school year. It has been a wonderful year of musical growth, expanded friendships, and the blessings of praising God through music.

Watch the Newsletter for possible Summer happenings.

We welcome new members from our church and the community.

Please pray for our ministry!

In Loving Service,

Gail and Martha



Adult Handbells

Mondays @ 5:00pm - direction of Mark Beatty

*We are needing new Bell Ringers, bring a friend and
come try it, just for fun!*

*Choir practice Mondays at 6:00pm
Eric Linson Choir Director*

The Joy Choir



The Joy Choir is preparing music to share with the Congregation, and we are having fun along the way.

The Gathering Sunday School class meets at 9:55am

"Multiple generations on a journey seeking to live as Christians today."

The Wired Word curriculum used by The Gathering Class uses Scripture and current events to encourage learning through thoughtful discussion. Each week we examine a current event and Scripture selected by The Wired Word to find relevance for our lives whether it be our family, work, or church relationships. We look forward to the New Year.

Ginni Biggs—Leader



*Sunday's
at 5pm*



Bible Study Wednesdays at 3:00 pm

No Bible Study on these dates: May 7, May 14, October 1, October 8, November 26, December 24, December 31

*Tom and Beverly Rodgers home
8602 FM 16, Van*

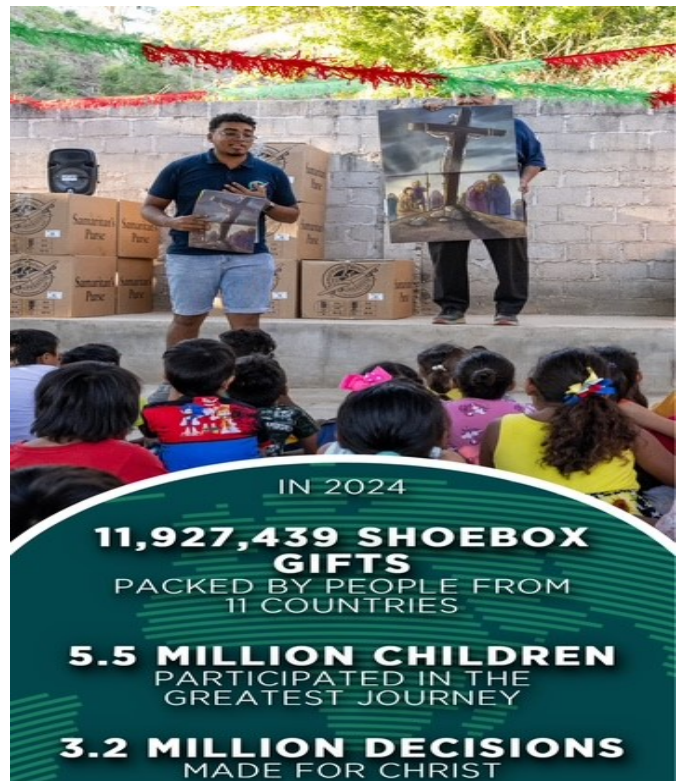


Operation Christmas Child



Samaritan's Purse sends gift-filled Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

National Collection Week | Nov. 17-24, 2025



IN 2024

11,927,439 SHOEBOX GIFTS

PACKED BY PEOPLE FROM 11 COUNTRIES

5.5 MILLION CHILDREN
PARTICIPATED IN THE
GREATEST JOURNEY

3.2 MILLION DECISIONS
MADE FOR CHRIST

Men's Breakfast

Food, Fellowship & Faith

2nd Saturday each month
at 8:00am
in the Genesis Building

Oh, what fun!! Another joyful
Breakfast Club! ❤️



FUMC Women's Breakfast

3rd Saturday each month at 8:30am
in the Genesis Building

First United Methodist Church Cross Wall's

If you would like to have a Cross on the wall, please contact Pastor Kelly or Maxine in the office.

The procedure is: purchase a Cross of your choice, bring it to the office with a note of how you would like the inscription on the plaque. (usually two lines will fit, sometimes 3).

The cost for the plaque is \$25.00, make the check payable to the Church and add Cross Wall in the memo. There is lots of room left on the 2nd wall!





food

games

family

*Join us for a night of great
fellowship,
good food and a night of fun!!*

First Wednesday
each month at 6:00pm
in the Genesis Building

Taco Tuesday gathering every
Tuesday at the Dairy Queen
Van @ 1:00pm





Month of May 2025

- 4th : Dave Orchard & Kay Barber
- 11th : Tom Rodgers & Larry Tull
- 18th : Gary Barber & Pam Orchard
- 25th : Dave Orchard & Kay Barber



Pastor Kelly and his family, Jolene and Jimmie Morgan, Jim Berry, Beverly Lowry, Gail Hill, Chase Fisher, Sue Myers, Bill Berry (Jim Berry's brother), Elaine Gwaltney (Gail Hill's cousin), Bill and Lisa Waldon (Sue Myers's daughter and son-in-law), Sue Duncan (Janet Cheatham's sister-in-law), Charles Riveire, Karla Friedman, Delois Currey, Dolores Means, Dean Stone, Nina Hernandez, Claudeane Sublett, Jaye Easterwood, Maxine Moore (Jaye Easterwood's sister), Dean Stone, Montgomery Martin (Sue Myers's grandson), Jane Johnson (Jim Berry's sister), Doris Welch (Marilyn Smith's sister), Shannon Curtis -heart problems, Tom Faggart, Cathy Masters, Laiken Welch (Brenda Miller's niece), Tommie German, Jane Kepler, Danny Storey (Dr. Ron and Kay Sherbert's brother-in-law), Deena Kirkpatrick (member of Jill Krone's Church), Ann Berry, Asher Hawkins, Corbon Heizer (Gail Hill's grandson), Ron and Lou Lewis (Marilyn Smith's cousin), Wanda Hickman, Heidi Abell (Sue Myers's daughter), Scott Nemeth, Shirley Alvey, Robert Good, Carolyn Thorn (Bruce & Janet Cheatham's niece), Bruce (Buz) Cheatham, Tom Matthews, Hunter Redman (Family friend of Dean and Ann Stone), Kay Sherbert, Suzan Storey (Dr. Ron's sister), Mary and Brienne Garcia (Kathy Lea's sister and niece.)

Presence and Gifts for April 2025

04/06 - 54
04/13 - 67
04/20 - 94
04/27 - 60

04/06 - \$ 6,846.17
04/13 - \$ 4,800.63
04/20 - \$ 2,052.00
04/27 - \$12,455.25

When making a check to a Ministry of the Church, make check payable to FUMC and
add the specific Ministry at the bottom of the check.

Scripture Readers for May 2025

05/04 - Janet Cheatham
05/11 - Addie Gowins
05/18 - Kay Sherbert
05/25 - Kathy Lea



Ushers for May
Kathy Lea & Blair Currey



2025

A Community on a Journey to Love God and Love Others

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1. MDO/Chapel 1:15pm Food Pantry 4-6pm	2.	3.
4. Communion Sunday School 9:55am Worship 10:55 am Tribe 5pm Bethany Waddell Birthday	5. Adult Bells 5:00pm Choir 6pm Dean & Ann Stone Anniversary	6. Craft Group 10am MDO/Chapel 1:15pm Richard Cross Birthday	7. Joy Choir 3:45pm 6pm - Game Night	8. MDO/Chapel 1:15pm	9 Shirley Alvey Birthday	10. Men's Breakfast 8:00am in Genesis Building
11. Mothers Day Sunday School 9:55am Worship 10:55 am Tribe 5pm	12. Adult Bells 5:00pm Choir 6pm	13. MDO/Chapel 1:15pm	14. Joy Choir 3:45pm	15. MDO/Chapel 1:15pm Food Pantry 4- 6pm	16.	17. Women's Breakfast 8:30am in Genesis Building Danny & Blair Currey Anniversary
18. Sunday School 9:55am Worship: 10:55am 2:00pm CCA Graduation 3:00pm - Board of Stewards Tribe 5pm Ricky & Tisha Conatser Anniversary Catherin Hollenshead B'day	19. Adult Bells 5:00pm Choir 6pm	20. Craft Group 10am	21. Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home Joy Choir 3:45pm Chase Riveire Birthday	22.	23. Food Truck 10am Grand Saline H.S. Pam Orchard Birthday	24. Dr. Ron & Kay Sherbert Anniversary Beverly Latta Birthday
25. Sunday School 9: 55 am Worship 10:55am Tribe 5pm Bryan & Leesa Boyles Anniversary	26. Memorial Day Office Closed	27. Brunch Bunch 11:0am Willow Gilleland Birthday	28. Bible Study 3:00pm Tom & Beverly Rodgers home Joy Choir 3:45pm Daniel & Bethany Waddell Anniversary	29. Pastor Kelly & Jill Anniversary Roy Akins Birthday	30.	31. Tom & Beverly Rodgers Anniversary

May good and faithful friends be yours, wherever you may roam.
May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and, until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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Monday -Thursday
10:00 am -12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
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