

Bookwalter United Methodist Church

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Ministry to God through prayer and worship.

Ministry to one another through caring discipleship.

Ministry to others by meeting needs and winning them to Christ.

In a follow up to our last meeting, Church Council Chair Mary Mahoney and I met with an architect today regarding potential changes to our church building to make it more accessible for persons with mobility challenges. Even though the church is "exempt" from many of the ADA laws and requirements, it is important that we lead the way in removing obstacles to anyone being able to easily enter our facilities.

Some of the things we will consider include perhaps shortening several pews in the sanctuary to allow a person in a wheelchair to have a space which did not require them to transfer to a seat. They could remain in their chair and still not obstruct any egress. We have ramps into both levels, but they both could use some attention. Much can change in 50 years. Sidewalk concrete can settle and the people walking on them get older.

The biggest challenge (and most expensive) will be to update some of our restrooms. There is not much to be done with the small ones on the second level. The ones on the lower level may need some serious renovation to come close to code. Another option might be to leave both bathrooms as is and use another room to construct a "Family" unisex bathroom that is built to be accessible from the start. This could also be made with brides in mind as a room to get ready for a wedding. Stay tuned as we explore our options and what we can afford.

Steve

Sunday: Grief Support Group meeting 3:00 p.m. - Women's Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday evening activities 6:30 p.m. for children, youth and adults.

Keenagers will meet on August 14, 10:30 a.m. Sharon Wilson will have devotions and Fredda Valentine Temple will have the program. It is always a joy having Fredda for our program so invite someone to come with you. Please remember to bring a non-perishable food item for Emerald Avenue food pantry.

Thank you to everyone who donated money or school supplies for our backpack ministry with Inskip Elementary. A big thank you to everyone who helped sort, load and hand out those supplies at the school. The teachers and families were all very appreciative. This was our 17th year doing this outreach and we helped 227 students and gave away over \$2,000 worth of supplies!

Join us August 19 for our Beach Party Sunday. Wear your favorite Hawaiian shirt and grass skirt, bring your favorite picnic style dish, and come on. After service we will eat a potluck lunch in the pavilion and then enjoy an afternoon of water games and the annual water slide. Pack your sunscreen, bathing suit, and towel for a water logged, fun filled afternoon. If you plan to use the water slide, you need to wear a t-shirt in addition to your bathing suit.

UMW will be meeting in the B.I.G. room on Saturday, August 11, 11:00 a.m. All women are invited.

Choir Retreat will be here at Bookwalter on Saturday, Aug 25th starting at 10:00 a.m. (with a coffee/fellowship hour from 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.) Lunch will be provided and we will be finished by 3:00 p.m. We will only be working on Christmas music, and we highly recommend joining us!

Choir Rehearsals will be every Sunday at 4:30 p.m. starting August 26th. Please consider joining us!

The **3rd Annual Fresh Start Festival** is set for Sept 29th from noon - 3:00 p.m. And we need your help! If you would like to volunteer for the festival, please sign up on the list in the Fellowship Hall or see Bailey. If you are not able to join us the day of, that's okay! We could always use help getting things together the month of, week of, or morning of and help breaking things down afterwards. This is an excellent outreach opportunity for everyone in the congregation. More details to follow!

We are also collecting canned sodas for the Festival to be given out with the free pizza. This year we are asking for Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Diet Dr. Pepper and Mountain Dew. We also need donations of bottled water. You can start bring these in already. Thanks!

Beginning on Sunday, September 2, our worship service will begin at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School will still start at 10:00 a.m.

Our Service

August 12, 2018

Acolytes	Emily and Seth Laws
Nursery	Doris Dennison
Ushers	Peyton Allen, Ed Bryson, Pam Ferguson, Ray Mills

Plan to join us for worship on Sunday, August 12th as we worship the Lord. Scripture will be John 14:1-14 and the sermon is **“WE BELIEVE: IN THE SON.”**

Mark Your Calendar

August 25, Saturday	Choir Retreat at Bookwalter
September 6-8	Children’s Consignment Sale
September 29	Fresh Start Festival
October 28	Trunk or Treat
November 4	Homecoming
November 25	Advent Begins
December 16	Children’s Christmas Program
December 23	Choir Christmas Cantata

Our Presence and Our Gifts

August 5, 2018

Morning Worship	71
Sunday School	56
Budget Offering	\$4,538.00
Roof	\$3,370.00
Change for Children	\$3.00
Pack-A-Backpack	\$260.00

Prayer List:

Linda Comer
 Eddie Cox
 Leroy Cox – cancer
 Bill Dake - cancer (friend of Liz Jett)
 Joe Hurst
 Jo Ann Learn
 Stephanie Melton
 Bill Ogle, comfort and healing from cancer
 Patricia Sutton
 Wesley, Sharon Wilson’s son

Continuing Care:

Shirrell Baker, Joe Broom, Kermit & Betty Campbell, Samantha Collier, Sarah Hawkins, Joan Leslie Hickman, Margie Johnson, Jama Newman, Jean Painter, Roy Skeen, Ann Turner, Betty Uhlman, Carolyn & Sue Wilson, Joanne Wilson.