



THE CONNECTION **August 2021** **Newsletter**



A Note From Pastor Ronnie

Neighborly

Summer is about over.

As we head to the late Summer/early Fall, be sure and use this time for ministry with neighbors. Do you know your neighbors? Do you know their names.

Your neighborhood may be different from mine, but people are moving in and out of mine all the time. When someone moves in near me, I like to go over and welcome them to the neighborhood. I give them my name and phone number on a card in case I can help in any way. I also like to take a little something. I've taken pies or peaches in the past.

Being new to the neighborhood is also a great time to receive an invitation to worship.

Having moved around a lot, I always try to remember what it was like to be the new person-when you don't know anyone and you're not even sure what day is garbage day. I remember the

Worship Times

Sunday Mornings

Morning Glory at 8:30AM

Christ Chapel

The Well / Contemporary at 9:45AM

The Crossroads Center / FB Live

Traditions at 11:00AM

Main Sanctuary / FB Live

Office Hours

Mon - Thurs

9:00AM- 4:00PM

Staff Meetings

Mondays 9:30-11:30AM

Lunch

12:00-1:00PM

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feeling of isolation and how encouraging it was to meet a smiling welcoming face.

You never know when that personal connection will open a door into someone's life- which might even make a difference for all eternity.

-Pastor Ronnie

Music, Contemporary

Nathan Hight

Music, Traditional

Kevin Lusk

Organist

Leon Curenton

Pianists

Pam Myers, Susan Smith

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Amy Lohr-Sticha

Wesleyan Child Care Center

Osa Bell / Director

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Heroes Among Us

Shout out to Miss Carrie Prescott, FUMC Wesleyan Child Care Center teacher!

She remained calm and acted in a quick fashion, using her skills and training, to dislodge food from a child that was choking. Her quick action and training took over and the child is now fine and doing well. Thank you Miss Prescott for your hard work and dedication to this school and our wonderful students. We are blessed to have such wonderful teachers at Wesleyan.

-Osa Bell, WCCC Director



Thank You From the Bottom Of My Heart!

The phrase is simple and the words are few, but behind them is a whole lot of appreciation.

Thanks to all who provided assistance with the Bereavement Luncheon on June 23, 2021 for the family of Liane Garrett. May God bless and enrich everyone of your lives.

In Christian Love,

Bobbi Burton



Benevolence Teacher Blessing

If you attend FUMC & are a teacher, our Benevolence Ministry would like to bless you and the upcoming school year!

Please email your name & school to office.fumcrestview@gmail.com by Mon, Aug 2.



Hurricane Prep Team Volunteers Needed

Happy Summer FUMC!

As we watch the track of Elsa head up the East Coast, we are all



aware we are into hurricane season! As we come upon the 3 year anniversary of Hurricane Michael which just missed us to the east, and Hurricane Sally which just missed us to the west, and a separate storm which hit some of us and still more on the west...we have seen the damage that can be done as far inland as we are. Survivors of these storms are still cleaning up their properties...Santa Rosa County members of our district's Crisis Cleanup volunteers are out a few weekends every month trying to help people recover.



Given recent "Hurricane History" in the panhandle, the FUMC Trustees have decided it is time to update our Disaster Preparedness checklists in the event a hurricane decides to head for the Hub City. We are putting together checklists of tasks to be accomplished in the event the Church is in the path of a storm, and one of the major tasks is to coordinate a team to help prepare the Campus. This checklist will balance time and cost regarding what we can and cannot do to prepare...tasks will include things like filling and placing sandbags, securing office equipment and technology away from windows, covering windows, securing external signs for wind damage, etc.

If a storm is coming, we of course understand that Congregation members need to be preparing their own homes as well, but we are hoping that "many hands" will make "light work" and enough people will be able to come out to help prepare our campus. There will be jobs for all ages so it can be a family project to come and help protect our beautiful church.

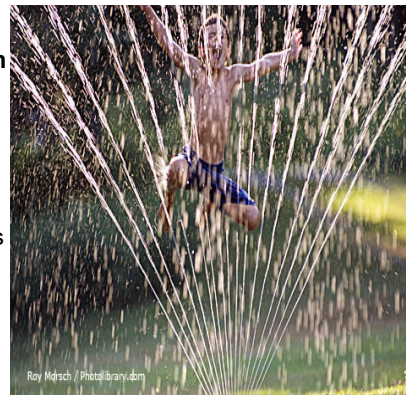
If you are willing to be on a team to help out in the event of a storm, please email Angie at fumcrestview@gmail.com. And let's all pray to our Lord that the team will not be needed and can be reserved for other tasks in his name! Thank You All!

-FUMC Trustees

July 2021

Children's Ministry

Blessing of the Backpacks is scheduled for Sunday, August 8th at all worship services. Children and youth age students bring your backpacks and leave them at the altar during the service to be prayed over by the church. We have a special "backpack tag" for you to put on your backpack to remind you that it has been prayed over and that there are a bunch of people praying for you. Teachers are invited too as we would love to pray together as you begin this new school year.



Preschool Sunday School: Our preschool kids will begin our Treasure Hunt Series in August. The bottom line of every lesson in this series is how the Bible is Better than Gold. We hope your little one can join us each week at 9:45 AM on Kids Street.

August Wednesday Night Schedule:

August 4: 6:00 PM - **Back to School Party - Water Fun**

August 11: Dig Deep Series: Jesus Grows in Wisdom

August 18: Dig Deep Series: Solomon Asks God for Wisdom (Fall Session Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study Begins)

August 25: Dig Deep Series: Rehoboam Listens to Fools.

-Angela Long

Youth Ministry

It sure is hard to believe that we are almost done with summer and ready to start school this soon! Last month many of the youth volunteered for VBS and did a terrific job leading the younger kids and helping with the event.

This month we will be starting the Book of Genesis. Also, we have a "5th quarter" event planned for **Friday, Sept 3**, following the Crestview High Football game. During our 5th quarter events, we all meet at The Crossroads Center after a Crestview High Football game and spend the night in the youth room. We will have multiple chaperones at the event to watch the youth. We will spend the night in the youth room on Friday, September 3rd and will adjourn the next day, Saturday, September 4th at 8:30am. This is an event centered around fellowship and games for the youth and we are hoping to have lots of new faces!

The Lord continues to work in our midst and grow each and everyone of our youth closer to Him. I couldn't be more thankful for such a perfect and loving God. Please pray that God will continue to bless our youth ministry and bring these youth closer to Him.

Thank you for all the support and prayers! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions for our youth program, please reach out to me or one of our youth committee members, and we will be happy to talk with you.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the events listed above, please contact me at fumcrestviewyouth@gmail.com. Thank you,

-In Christ, Paul Adams



Adult Discipleship

Save the Date: August 18th will be the first night for our **Fall Wednesday Night Small Groups**. We will meet each night at 6:00 PM through the fall. Each group will establish their own end time and may alter the schedule to meet the needs of their group and current study. Children, nursery, and youth programs will be meeting each Wednesday until 7:30 PM.



You have the option to choose one of the following study for the Fall Session:

The New Testament in Its World: Led by Susan Hill

Now that Faith has Come by Beth Moore: Led by Elaine Mantle

God's Word and Me: Growing in the Bible: Led by Pastor Ronnie Bearden

Refit Christian Witness for Women: Led by Carrie Prescott

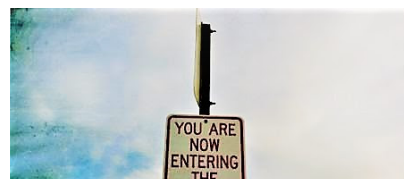
Please visit our church website for updates to this information. www.fumcrestview.com

Adult Sunday School: We have several Adult Sunday School Classes and now is the perfect time to join a class. Our Summer Quarter ends on August 29th so most every group will begin a new session on September 5th. Don't forget we have a Young Adult Sunday School class that meets at 11:00 PM. Please contact Angela Long if you are interested in leading a class on Sunday Mornings at 9:45 AM or have any questions about our Sunday School programs.

-Angela Long

Missions Fair

Find out how our church reaches out to our community and the world!



Stop by the CRC on this special **Sunday, Aug 22**, when we celebrate all things Missions. Find something that stirs your soul and get plugged in!



UMCOR / United Methodist Committee on Relief

UMCOR Sager Brown—God is Good!! We now have our team of 12. Thank you, church for your prayers and positive thoughts. With the tentative opening of the campus after Labor Day, we are moving forward with preparations for our scheduled trip the week of **October 3 – 8, 2021**. Please continue to pray for the Sager Brown staff and program and our team.

Bless you.

-Pam Hight,

Team Leader pjhight51@gmail.com or 850 758-8201.



Soup Kitchen News

The soup kitchen "Soupers" have had quite a busy Summer! Some of our volunteers have taken well-deserved vacations where they've been able to reunite with family and friends they haven't seen in more than a year, while other volunteers have stepped in to fill the gaps, so needless to say, our soup kitchen Saturdays have been running smooth as butter!



We had a special group of volunteers join us on July 3. Some of the ladies from the Saving Grace Women's Home in Baker took time out of their holiday weekend to help the Soupers package up some sweets and beverages for members of the community who joined us that day for lunch. Check the FUMC Facebook page for photos of the Saving Grace ladies in action!

I'd like to thank all of the soup kitchen volunteers (and those who support us behind the scenes) for your dedication, your teamwork, your heart for this ministry, and for always being ready to help. You are all so valuable to the success of this ministry.

Thank you, FUMC family, for your dedicated support of the Soup Kitchen ministry! If you'd like to volunteer at the soup kitchen, even if just on occasion, please talk with me or call the church office, or join us any **Saturday morning around 9:30** in the Fellowship Hall.

Matthew 25:35 - "I was hungry and you gave me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

-In His Name, Eileen Kurtz / Soup Kitchen Coordinator

[First Church Women's Service Group](#)

Summer is almost over which means the Women's Service Group will start meeting again soon! Ladies, please join us for our first meeting of the 2021-2022 season on **Friday, September 3** in Room 213 on the breezeway. We'll enjoy some light refreshments starting around 9:00 and our meeting will begin at 9:30. We are usually done by 11:00 and the rest of the day is yours!



Our September meeting will provide us the opportunity to discuss ideas for community organizations (that focus on the needs of women and children) that we want to offer support to over the coming months, including the Christmas season Project Angel Tree, so come join us as we chart the path for the 2021-2022 season!

If you have any questions about the Women's Service Group, please feel free to call the church office, talk with me, or pencil the September meeting on your calendar.

1 Peter 4:10 - "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

-In His Name, Eileen Kurtz / Women's Service Group President

[United Methodist Men](#)

UMM will have special guest speaker Angela Long, FUMC Children's Minister, at August's meeting.

All men are invited to join in on **Monday, August 9** at 6:00PM in the FH. Food, fellowship, music, and a fresh word from our Children's Minister will be served!



[Yarn Ministry](#)

*"We look for wool and linen, And work with our hands in delight."
Proverbs 31:13*

We are in the dog days of Summer and sometimes those blankets get a little heavy and hot to work on! Thankfully we can enjoy small projects inside, and maybe courageously stitch a blanket if we have the AC blasting arctic air on us!

However the weather, we keep Rm 213 chilly enough to fellowship and stitch in comfort!

All are welcome to join us if you are interested in making shawls or lapghans with yarn or in learning how to.

This month's meetings will be held **Tuesdays, August 10 & 24** at 6:00PM in Rm 213. And since we have a 5th Tuesday in August, we will meet at Panera's on **Tuesday, August 31** at 6:00PM.

-Cathrin Owens

"May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands." Psalm 90:17



[Crestview Prayer Network](#)

The Prayer Network's meeting is first Wed of the month, Aug 4, at David's Catfish House at 12:00PM. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Please pray for our nation and all pastors to return to their first love as in the book of Revelation chapter 2.
- Kathleen Woodward



One Blood's Big Red Bus

The Big Red Bus will be in the CRC parking lot from 9:00AM-1:00PM on **Sun, Aug 15**. Roll up your sleeves, donate blood & save a life!



Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at First United Methodist Church on **Monday, September 20, 2021**.



A package of five screenings to identify risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions will be offered:

- Carotid artery ultrasound to identify plaque buildup in the carotid arteries, a major risk factor for stroke
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound to identify presence of an enlargement in the largest blood vessel in the body
- An EKG to identify the presence of atrial fibrillation, which increases the risk for stroke
- Ultrasound of the lower legs to look for plaque buildup known as peripheral artery disease
- Ultrasound of the shin bone to identify risk for osteoporosis

These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount.

Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441 or text the word "circle" to 797979.

August Greeters, Ushers, Liturgists

Morning Glory / Christ Chapel 8:30AM

Greeters

Aug 1- Lowell & Maryrose Scott
Aug 8- John & Cynthia Leitschuck
Aug 15- Debbie Watson
Aug 22- Alesha & Robert Dabbs
Aug 29- Melanie & Gary Zick

Ushers

Melanie & Gary Zick

Contemporary / The Crossroads Center 9:45AM

Greeters & Ushers: Aimee Keller & Dan Taylor

Liturgists: 1. Allen Bell, 2. Dan Taylor, 3. Nell Sutherland, 4. Ronnie Bearden, 5. Dan Taylor

Traditions / Main Sanctuary 11:00AM

Greeters:

Aug 1- F. Betty Stewart & TBD	B. Darrell Smith
Aug 8- F. Viki & Terry Luster	B. Darrell Smith
Aug 15- F. Linda Bondi & Dax Reeves	B. Darrell Smith
Aug 22- F. Margaret Larson & Gary Johnson	B. Darrell Smith
Aug 29- F. Judy Beard & Glenda McMasters	B. Darrell Smith

Ushers:

Ushers: Front 1. Jim Height 2. Terry Luster 3. Dax Reeves 4. Mike Steen 5. Mark Young
Ushers: Back - Darrell Smith

Liturgists:

Lee Thigpen, Luke Taylor

Important Dates In August

Aug 4- Kid's Street Back to School Party *WATER FUN* 6:00PM Kid's Street
Aug 8- Blessing of the Backpacks in all services, Youth Committee 12:15PM Conf Rm, Missions 5:00PM Rm 212
Aug 9- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
Aug 10- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213
Aug 15- One Blood in CRC parking lot from 9:00AM-1:00PM
Aug 18- Fall Small Groups begin
Aug 20- Sr. Ministry Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH
Aug 22- Mission Fair in CRC
Aug 24- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213
Aug 31- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM Panera's
**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*
Please see <http://fumcrestview.com/calendar-1> for any updates or changes

Looking Ahead to September

Sept 3- Women's Service Group 9-11:00AM Rm 213, Youth 5th Quarter after CHS football- GO DAWGS!
Sept 4- Youth 5th Quarter ends 8:30AM
Sept 6- Church office is closed for Labor Day
Sept 8- Worship Committee 5:30PM Rm 212
Sept 12- Trustees 3:00PM FH, Finance 5:00PM Rm 212
Sept 13- United Methodist Men 6:00PM FH
Sept 14- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213
Sept 17- Senior Ministry Game Day 11:00AM-2:00PM FH
Sept 19- Children's Committee 12:15 Kid's St.
Sept 26- Long Range Planning 5:30PM Youth Rm
Sept 28- Yarn Ministry 6:00PM RM 213
**FH- Fellowship Hall, Conf Rm- Conference Room, CRC- The Crossroads Center, Youth Rm- Youth Room*
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'Blessing of the Backpacks' Prayer

God of Wisdom, we give you thanks for schools and classrooms
and for the teachers and students who fill them each day.

We thank you for this new beginning, for new books and new ideas.

We thank you for sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled.

We thank you for the gift of making mistakes and trying again.

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers.

Today we give you thanks for these your children, and we ask you to bless them with curiosity,
understanding and respect.

May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn
and grow this year in school and in Sunday School.

May they be guided by your love.

All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his
longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us.

Amen.

FUMC's 'Blessing of the Backpacks' will take place on Sunday, August 8 in all worship services.

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