

The First Methodist
MESSENGER

First Methodist Church of Pleasanton

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“It’s a New Season, it’s a New Day” are the words to one of my favorite worship songs. Our God is the God Who makes all things new.

This is a new season for Gina and me. We are thrilled to be a part of the First Methodist Family. Thank you for opening your hearts wide to receive us. We are anticipating a fruitful ministry for many years to come.

It’s also a new season for you, the FMC Family. I want to encourage to ask the Holy Spirit to “re-fill” you for a fresh season of engagement in and through the church.

You are going to be asked to pray more, worship more, study more, learn more, invite more, give more and GO more than ever. Sounds exhausting, I know. But the Lord Himself is going to strengthen us all so that, “His kingdom will come and His will be done” in Pleasanton as it is in Heaven.

Buckle your pew belt. It’s going to be exciting! I love you all and I remain...

Yours for Souls,
Pastor Scott



Church Office will be closed on Thursday, in observance of Independence Day!



First Methodist Church of Pleasanton Council Meeting (Overview)

First Methodist Church of Pleasanton Council Meeting Minutes (Overview), June 4, 2024

Attendees: Dan Barrow (Board Chair), Walt Franklin (Finance Chair), Joett Morrison (SPR Chair), Jeff Petter (Lay Leader), Jeff Barta (Trustees Chair), David Smith (Nominations Chair), Phillip Tom (Member at Large), Rev. Dr. Scott Camp, Rev. Gina Camp, Deborah Barrow, Ken Trapp

The meeting was called to order by Dan Barrow at 6:02 pm.

Joett Morrison opened us in prayer, and David Smith gave us a devotional – Our Mission Statement and Matthew 4: 18-20.

The minutes from the last church council meeting held on May 7, 2024, were reviewed. Walt Franklin motioned to accept the minutes as written; David Smith seconded; the motion passed. The May 7, 2024, church council minutes were also printed in the June 2024 newsletter.

New Business:

The new logo sign created by Next Level Signs for the church is too large for our existing sign in front of the church. Walt Franklin asked Next Level Signs to remake the sign to match the dimensions of our existing sign. The original logo sign will be attached to the wood fence on the side of the church soon. Jeff Barta replaced the existing signs on the church van with our new logo signs.

Jeff Petter updated us on the new pastor search and Scott and Gina Camp were invited to join our church council meeting. Scott Camp was our guest speaker on June 2nd, which was an energetic sharing of the gospel and was well received. Scott Camp will also serve as our Guest speaker on June 9th, 16th and 23rd. After the service on June 23rd, we will have a family gathering and dinner on the grounds. Scott and Gina Camp would like to have a question-and-answer session with the church members at the gathering about his visions for growth in our church. Gina Camp also played piano during the June 2nd church service and looks forward to playing at future services; we thanked her for her beautiful piano playing.

The emergency contacts list for our church alarm system has been updated to include Jeff Barta, Dan Barrow, David Smith, and Joett Morrison. Dan Barrow will ensure that all contacts have the proper alarm reset codes.

Walt Franklin presented the Finance report. Leslie Ricks published our April 2024 Deposits and Expenses in her Faith in Finance column in the June 2024 Newsletter. Walt Franklin reported that a new computer has been purchased and that our Church Insurance monthly payments will significantly increase, estimated to increase by \$1,000 per month.

Jeff Barta and Phillip Tom presented the Trustee's report. Phillip Tom has been working on the repairs needed at the parsonage. He has replaced all electrical plugs, switches, covers, and plumbing fixtures. The oak tree has been trimmed, and the Bees have moved on. The grass has also been mowed. Work still needed includes sheetrock repair, painting, fixing the kitchen sink and shimming the counter by the stove, and replacing all ceiling fans. Jeff Barta reported that we will have the offices, classrooms, and attic sprayed for fleas.

David Smith stated no Nominations committee report at this time.

Joett Morrison stated no SPR committee report at this time.

Jeff Petter stated no Laity report at this time.

Jeff Barta moved to call a meeting to decide on hiring a new pastor to be held on Wednesday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m. Jeff Petter seconded, and the motion passed.

David Smith moved that our next church council meeting be held on July 2, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. Jeff Barta seconded, and the motion passed. All church members are invited to attend the monthly council meetings.

Jeff Barta made a motion to adjourn the meeting, David Smith seconded, motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Ken Trapp closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joett Morrison

First Methodist Church of Pleasanton Council Meeting Minutes (Overview), June 16, 2024

Attendees: Dan Barrow (Board Chair), Walt Franklin (Finance Chair), Joett Morrison (SPR Chair), Jeff Barta (Trustees Chair), David Smith (Nominations Chair), Rev. Dr. Scott Camp, Deborah Barrow, via zoom were Jeff Petter (Lay Leader), and Phillip Tom (Member at Large).

This called meeting was called to order by Dan Barrow at 6:05 pm.

Rev. Camp opened us in prayer.

Rev. Camp requested this meeting with the church council before our church family gathering on June 23, 2023, to discuss his plans for our church (his six-month vision he would like to present to the congregation on Sunday, June 23rd). His strategic plan is to make hay while the sun shines.

Facilities: Fresh eyes on what we have for an influx of children: nursery, pre-school/elementary kids. Rooms that are inviting and make parents comfortable – freshen up what we have – large playscape for quadrangle.

Personnel: Add Youth Pastor Jeremy Garza, add Johnnie Arrington part-time to assist with Pastoral care (hospital/home visits, funerals, weddings, etc.), and add Rev. Gina Camp to oversee the Children's Ministry (no salary required). Note: Jeremy Garza, Rev. Arrington, and Rev. Gina Camp can fill the pulpit in Rev. Scott Camp's absence. All church staff will report directly to Rev. Camp.

Programming: Adult Discipleship, Small groups (classes and bands), and Mid-week service for singing and teaching. Locate prospects, train workers, expand, and provide space and organization. Have a miracle night service (pray for the sick, pray for healing). Go get them!

Awareness: Have you ever been to First Methodist Church campaign (not marketing, not branding) but get our name out there; offer coffee mugs, bumper stickers, etc. Purchase a Marquee electric sign to let people know we are here.

We need to put a monetary figure on this six-month plan; tell the people, and trust in the Lord. The timeframe is July to the end of the year. The plan will be called Letting Down the Nets Offering. We will ask members to give over and above their normal giving over the next six months.

Rev. Camp stated that if our church council could agree to his vision in principle, he and Gina would be ready to come. Walt Franklin moved to accept Rev. Camp's vision in principle, David Smith seconded, and the motion passed.

Rev. Camp would like to preach on the last Sunday in July before he flies to Ghana to pack up his home and ship everything back to the US. He will be back in Pleasanton by September 3, 2024. During his absence from the pulpit, he will work with Jeff Petter to fill the pulpit to keep our momentum going. He would like Jeremy Garza and Rev. Arrington to fill in several Sundays. Anyone who fills the pulpit to keep the wave going.

Our next called meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 26, 2024.

David Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Walt Franklin seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm

Rev. Camp closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joett Morrison



First Methodist Church of Pleasanton Council Meeting Minutes (Overview), June 23, 2024

Attendees: Dan Barrow (Board Chair), Walt Franklin (Finance Chair), Joett Morrison (SPR Chair), Jeff Barta (Trustees Chair), David Smith (Nominations Chair), via phone Jeff Petter (Lay Leader)

This called meeting was called to order by Dan Barrow at 12:45 pm.

Dan Barrow stated the purpose of this called meeting, which was to affirm the decision of the Pastoral Search Committee to recommend Dr. Scott Camp as our new pastor. Walt moved to affirm this decision of the Pastoral Search Committee to recommend Dr. Scott Camp as our new pastor, David Smith seconded, and the motion passed.

David Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, Walt Franklin seconded, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 pm

At 1:00 p.m., Dan Barrow shared with the members of the congregation who were meeting in the fellowship hall the decision the church council had just made to affirm the recommendation of the Pastoral Search Committee to recommend Dr. Scott Camp as our new pastor. Dan Barrow asked all present to stand in affirmation of the church council's decision. All who were present stood in affirmation. Dr. Scott Camp will be the new Pastor of the First Methodist Church of Pleasanton, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Joett Morrison

Faith in Finance – Newsletter July 24

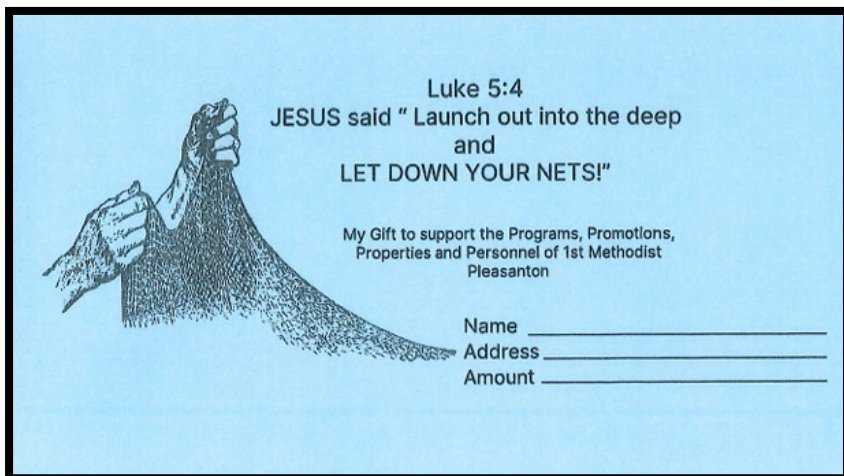
Hello Church Family- Here are our deposits/withdrawals for June 24

Deposits - General Offering—\$27,207.87
“Let Down Your Nets” - \$14,543.35

Withdrawals - \$20,728.55

The notable expenses in June-Insurance payment - \$5500, 1 Scholarship Payment \$1,000, Tree Trimming at Parsonage—\$1,000.00

Exciting News!! We have our envelopes at the printer in preparation for the start of our next chapter here at 1st Methodist. Pastor Scott is calling it “Let Down the Nets!” These funds will support our vision for new Programs, Promotions, updating Property and Personnel. Our goal is 150K. Watch for these blue envelopes in July in the pews. As always, you can just note “Nets” on the memo line of your gift if you don’t see an envelope. Additionally, you can put a memo in your PayPal entry.





Celebrations!



07/08 Duncan & Sandra McAda

07/13 Chuck and Angi Black
Marc and Sheryl Mills

07/18 Randy and Leslie Ricks

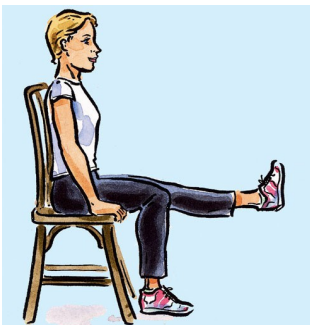
- 07/02 John Mayse
- 07/05 Garner Kemp
- 07/08 Julia Petter
- 07/09 Paul Wood
- 07/23 Ryan Tom
- 07/24 Paige Read
- 07/26 Ella David
- 07/28 Sandra McAda
- 07/29 Sarah Helmick
- 07/31 Shari Shannon

Are we missing your name on the birthday/anniversary list? Please notify the Church Office at 830-569-2083 so we can update your records. We

Need a prayer? We have a prayer team for that. Staci, Leigh Ann and Leigh Ann Shearrer are happy to pray for you or your loved one. We believe in the power of prayer so leave a message at the church office, or fill out a prayer request card at church. They are at the entrance to the sanctuary.



**Don't forget
your sunscreen!**




Chair- Meet & Move Exercise

This is an hour of prayer, stretching, fellowship, strengthening and keeping our old bones moving in a positive direction.

Come join us! \$5 each and bring a towel.

Wednesday 10-11 am in the Fellowship

July

07/01	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
07/03		Bountiful Blessing Closed
07/04		Office will be closed in Observance of Independence Day!
07/05	7:00 a.m.	Prickly Pear Reunion Group
07/07	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 3:00 p.m.	Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples for Christ Sunday School Class Worship Service* Holy Communion Pastor Daylon and Madison Payne Brush Country Emmaus Church Gathering
07/08	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
07/10	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Senior Box Pickup-FMC
07/12	7:00 a.m.	Prickly Pear Reunion Group
07/14	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples for Christ Sunday School Class Worship Service* Kent and Laura-Lee Booth
07/15	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
07/17	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry
07/19	8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Fellowship Hall CleanUp Project (more info coming!)
07/21	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples for Christ Sunday School Class Worship Service* Pastor Johnny Arrington
07/22	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
07/24	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry
07/26	7:00 a.m.	Prickly Pear Reunion Group
07/28	9:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples for Christ Sunday School Class Worship Service* Pastor Scott Camp

Disciples of Christ Sunday School Class

This is an adult class for the young, mature, and old. We enjoy discussions about Bible passages and are eager to learn more about our Savior. We rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance. **WHAT COULD BE MORE IMPORTANT?** We will meet at 9:00 a.m. in the classroom next to the Fellowship Hall Facilitator, Peggy McCampbell.

Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class

“Saints and Sinners” is an adult class that meets at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the classroom next to the church parlor. We use the Cokesbury Adult Bible Study series and always have a lively conversation and good fellowship. Fresh Coffee available. We meet year round, and any and all are welcome to join us. Facilitator, Dan Barrow.

Church News!

"Leading from the Pulpit"

July 2024

July 7th - Pastor Daylon Payne

July 14th - Kent and Laura-Lee Booth

July 21st - Pastor Johnny Arrington

July 28th - Pastor Scott Camp

Congregational Care Team

The Congregational Care Team strives to provide support to our church family. Please notify any team with any need we can assist with. Team members: Mary Carolyn Chambers, Joan Shearrer, Jolene Disbro, Roxanne Wilson and Leigh Ann Ware-Shearrer.

Super Seniors - Floral Arranging with Lesley's Flowers



What a great time the Super Seniors had making floral arrangements with an unusual vase...Pineapples! Cutting, coring (with a nifty gadget) preparing the pineapples and selecting the flowers we wanted for our arrangements!

Special thanks to Lesley Rakowitz of Lesley's Flowers for her patience and guidance!

Bountiful Blessings Food Pantry needs



Canned Meat * Canned Fruit * Cereal Bring to church and leave in the boxes in the Narthex-Thank you!

