

The First Methodist
MESSENGER

First Methodist Church of Pleasanton

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Happy August FMC Family!!!! It's hard to believe that we are already wrapping up summer and getting ready for school to start. It's an exciting time to be a part of our church. Over the next few months, you'll begin to see several positive changes in terms of new faces, facilities, ministries and sharing with Pleasanton all the great things going on in the life of First Methodist.

There's a great story in Mark 2 which I pray begins to take place over the next few months in our church. Jesus was reported to be "in the house" and, as a result, great crowds of people were trying to get into the house. They knew that any problem they faced could be solved at "The Jesus House."

May this be said about FMC in the days to come...all to the Glory of God.
As always, I'm proud to be your pastor.

Yours for Souls,
Pastor Scott

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 5:13
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First Methodist Church of Pleasanton Council Meeting (Overview)

First Methodist Church of Pleasanton Council Meeting Minutes (Overview), July 2, 2024

Attendees: Dan Barrow (Board Chair), Walt Franklin (Finance Chair), Leslie Ricks (Finance), Joett Morrison (SPR Chair), Jeff Petter (Lay Leader), David Smith (Nominations Chair), Deborah Barrow, via phone Rev. Dr. Scott Camp.

The meeting was called to order by Dan Barrow at 6:04 pm.

Dr. Scott Camp opened us in prayer, and Jeff Petter gave us a devotional Gal. 6:9

The minutes from the council meetings held on June 4, 16, and 23, 2024, were reviewed. Walt Franklin moved to accept the minutes as written, seconded by David Smith, and the motion passed.

Dan Barrow discussed the need for a rotation group to ensure the church is properly locked up after Sunday services. David Smith will visit with David Veale and report an update at the next council meeting.

Rev. Scott Camp discussed the possibility of using media sources such as "Church Candy" to provide digital media such as banners, videos, follow-up for visitors, people-bringing people, social media platforms, etc. These services are a flat fee of approximately \$500.00 per month.

Dan Barrow presented proposed changes to our current church by-laws in the areas of Authority, Officers and Staff Positions, Ministry Church Body, Partnership, and Accountability. The by-law committee needs to discuss these changes further to recommend accepting them.

There was a discussion about serving holy communion every week. The first Sunday of the month would be the traditional communion service, and on the remaining Sundays, communion would be offered during the worship part of the service. In the early church, holy communion was served every time they met. It is estimated that 25% of the congregation misses holy communion on the first Sunday of the month. Further discussion with the communion steward is needed to facilitate the best implementation of this request.

Dr. Scott Camp discussed the Let Down the Nets campaign. He recommended using our existing wooded cross and adding a fisherman's net so that members may come to the cross to deposit their blue donation envelopes. Leslie Ricks stated that the net had already been ordered, and the cross would be moved into the sanctuary. He also discussed the possibility of having baptisms on a weekly basis in the future based on our potential growth.

Leslie Ricks presented the finance report. She published the June 2024 deposits and withdrawals in the July 2024 church newsletter in her Faith in Finance column. The balance on the Let Down Your Nets campaign as of July 2nd was \$25,478.51. Leslie Ricks stated that our associate pastor and youth minister will be paid for from the Let Your Nets Down campaign, and our senior pastor and worship leaders will be paid out of the general offerings. There are some additional expenditures pending; there are air conditioners that need to be worked on, and some additional work is needed on the upgrade to the parsonage, such as painting the interior, replacing the flooring, and removing the wall of the small dining room to open up that room. Walt Franklin moved that the Trustees get bids for the work to be done at the parsonage and, if the bids came in less than \$15,000, to authorize the work to be done right away. David Smith seconded; the motion passed.

Joett Morrison stated that the current role of SPRC will change in the future and become more of a human resources support role. More discussion is needed to define the SPRC role.

David Smith stated no nominations report at this time.

Jeff Petter stated in his Laity report that he would serve as Liturgist for the next few months due to the ins and outs of people over the summer.

David Smith moved that our next church council meeting be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2024; Walt Franklin seconded, and the motion passed.

Walt Franklin moved to adjourn the meeting, David Smith seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm Dan Barrow closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joett Morrison

Wesley Nurse

Dear Church Family –

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" - 2 Corinthians 5:17

Life never stays the same. There are several stages with unique challenges that make each one memorable. As new parents you add new responsibilities and a baby to your life while trying to establish yourselves as a couple. This new role means sharing your partner with someone else; so, make sure you talk to each other, have a date night, and share your struggles.

Adjustment is easier when you know what challenges exist. The next stage is the teen years and the bid for independence. This coincides with financial concerns such as maintaining a home, supporting the family, preparing for college, and possibly helping an elderly parent. Know that the caregiver role for your child is starting to end. To prepare your child for adulthood, teach him/her about financial and personal responsibility and be open with your spouse about any conflicts you have about letting go.

Next is sending your child off to college, career, or marriage. You are no longer the parent/controller but a friend/advisor. If this is your last child, it may mean reconnecting with your spouse since the previous years have been focused on your child(ren). You might also be adding the role of caregiver for a parent. Keep in mind as you struggle with your changing roles, your parent is also struggling with his/her loss of independence. Be patient, include your parent in decisions when possible, ask siblings and friends for help, and be honest about your feelings.

The last stage is retirement where some have a loss of identity because they no longer work while others find new beginnings. To make the transition successful, consciously look for things to do. Resurrect an old hobby or find a new one. Travel to visit family and spend time with your grandchildren. If you can't travel, call them on the phone or use email. Stay connected and interested and you will find a whole new world.

"The glory of the young is their strength; the gray hair of experience is the splendor of the old." - Proverbs 20:29

Your Wesley Nurse,

Linda, BSN, RN



**BACK
to
SCHOOL**

PLEASANTON ISD
JOUDANTON ISD
MCMULLEN ISD

AUGUST 12, 2024

The graphic features a white background with horizontal lines, resembling notebook paper. On the right side, there is a collection of school supplies including a wooden ruler, a pair of compasses, a magnifying glass, a pink alarm clock, and several colored pencils.



SUNSHINE KIDS
(PRE-K THRU 5TH GRADE)
AUGUST 21ST
5:30 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

YOUTH MINISTRY
(6TH GRADE THRU 12TH)
AUGUST 21ST
7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.

The graphic has a light blue background. At the bottom, there is a row of seven cartoon children of diverse ethnicities, smiling and dressed in casual clothing. The text is centered and uses a mix of purple and black fonts.

Youth

Hello Church Family!

My wife, Abbie, and I are super grateful to be a part of what God is doing here at First Methodist Church! We have been given the amazing opportunity of pastoring this upcoming generation.

I want you to know that these youth are not the future of the church, but they are the church now! If we want to see our church succeed and grow, we need to invest and pour into our young people. We will constantly echo Paul's words to Timothy to this next generation, "let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity" (1 Tim. 4:12).

We are ready to see your children and grandchildren set ablaze with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit!

Will you pray for my wife and I as we endeavor in seeing every young person in our county encounter the love of God and become born again?

Blessings,
Jeremy Garza



Faith in Finance : LET DOWN YOUR NETS!

By now, you have probably seen the blue envelopes in the pews and in the "Net" hung on our wooden cross in the Sanctuary. These envelopes are intended to hold the gifts (above and beyond your regular tithing) that will finance our exciting plans for the future of FMC Pleasanton! Programs such as new small group classes for all ages, promotions including increasing our community awareness, properties would include upgrading our spaces and making them more inviting and personnel which is the addition of staff: Youth Minister, Jeremy Garza and welcoming back as Associate Pastor, Johnny Arrington.

In one month, we have raised nearly \$32,334 towards our goal of \$150k. Stay tuned for updates on our total.

Luke 5:4
JESUS said " Launch out into the deep
and
LET DOWN YOUR NETS!"

My Gift to support the Programs, Promotions,
Properties and Personnel of 1st Methodist
Pleasanton

Name _____
Address _____
Amount _____



Celebrations!



- 08/02 Jim Vynalek
- 08/06 Morgan Powell
- 08/11 Danny Morrison
- 08/13 Lee Ricks, IV
- 08/17 Matt Shahan
- 08/20 Gary Butschek
Robert Rutherford
- 08/22 Brandon Butschek
- 08/24 Jennifer Trapp
- 08/25 Ella Frazier
- 08/27 Jennifer Diaz
- 08/28 Sudie Halpin
Logan McAda
- 08/30 Angi Black
Goldie Richter
Beth Gossett

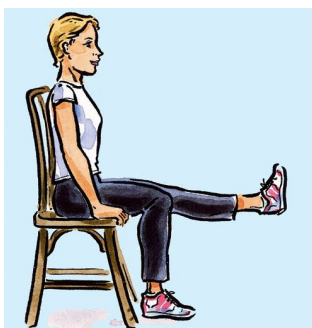
- 08/01 Guy & Meredith Rutherford
- 08/10 Scott & Karen Rankin
- 08/16 Lee & Jan Ricks
- 08/24 David & Ann Smith
Sonny & Toni Seewald
- 08/25 Dan & Deborah Barrow
- 08/26 Jim & Ruth Marsh

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

August

08/01	3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Backpack Event Coastal Bend College
08/02	7:00 a.m.	Prickly Pear Reunion Group
08/04	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples of Christ Sunay School Class Worship Service - Holy Communion Pastor Johnny Arrington
08/05	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
08/06	6:00 p.m.	Church Council Meeting
08/07	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry
08/09	7:00 a.m.	Prickly Pear Reunion Group
08/11	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples of Christ Sunay School Class Worship Service-Pastor Scot Camp
08/12	 <p>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL JOURDANTON ISD PLEASANTON ISD MCMULLEN COUNTY ISD</p>	
08/12	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
08/14	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Senior Box Pickup-FMC
08/16	7:00 a.m.	Prickly Pear Reunion Group
08/18	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	“Job Fair” Courtyard-Stay tuned for info! Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples of Christ Sunay School Class Worship Service—Pastor Scott Camp
08/19	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
08/21	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Sunshine Kids Begin (PreK-5th grade) Youth Ministry Begins (6th-12th grade)
08/25	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Saints & Sinners Sunday School Class Disciples of Christ Sunay School Class Worship Service Pastor Johnny Arrington
08/26	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry Ladies Bible Study
08/28	9:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m.	Bountiful Blessings Pantry
08/30	7:00 a.m.	Prickly Pear Reunion Group

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 9:30 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"

August 2024

August 4th Pastor Johnny Arrington

August 11th & 18th Pastor Scott Camp

August 25th Pastor Johnny Arrington

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.

VBS RECAP

We had so much fun during VBS this summer. We had well over 50 kids in attendance. We learned about Jesus, we danced and sang to praise His name, and we enjoyed fellowship among our friends.

https://youtu.be/tGp_fvAdhsl?si=PBD3wGhilBARTlEa

Bountiful Blessings Food



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

happy
birthday

Happy Birthday to our Mr. Jim Vynalek who is turning 102 years old.

The Heights will be having a birthday party for Mr. Jim on Friday, August 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Stop by and wish Mr. Jim a very Happy Birthday!