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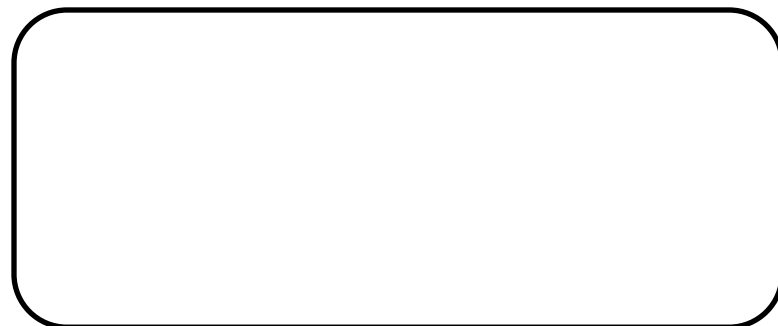
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### Sages and Saints Fall Programs

**Sept 12 -- Author Sammy Smith**

**Oct 10 -- Stuart and Dianne Raef-Bluegrass, Gospel and Hymns**

**Nov 8 -- Mary Ann Hatfield's "Salute to our Veterans"**

**Dec 12 -- "White Elephant Gift Exchange"**

**Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events.**

The following items have been found in the Sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. If any of these items belong to you, they can be picked up in the office.

- ♦ Brown & Tan Bible
- ♦ Sage Green Ladies Lace Jacket
- ♦ Silver Necklace with Amethyst Stone
- ♦ Child's 2T Ivory Hooded Sweater
- ♦ Set of 2 keys with a Walgreens Reward Card & Ken Stoepel Mercury Tag
- ♦ Silver Horseshoe Earring With Crystal Stones
- ♦ Gold Hummingbird Brooch with different colored rhinestones
- ♦ Various jackets, coats and scarves that were left in the Fellowship Hall
- ♦ Single key with red plastic top found in the Narthex



### PASTOR'S PONDERING

Have you ever thought about the importance of shaking another person's hand? Why do we do it? Where did this ritual originate? Apparently, the custom of handshaking originated in primitive times. People would carry their weapons in their right hands, and when a person would extend an empty right hand, it was a sign of peace. Over the centuries the act of shaking hands prevented a person from holding a sword or other weapon and eventually led to a common practice of greeting. Shaking hands shows that two people do not want to be enemies but rather desire friendship and fellowship.

How many hands do you shake in a day? How many times do you extend the right hand of friendship in your daily life? How many times do you receive it? We shake hands out of routine, often not really realizing its origin or the deeper meaning behind the act. The simple act of handshaking speaks of our common need as human beings to love and to be loved. We need friendship and we need fellowship because the Lord our God did not create us to be alone.

Our Creator made us to be in fellowship: both with Him through Jesus Christ and with our neighbors. How did Jesus summarize the Law of God? Love God and love your neighbor. That is fellowship. And fellowship always begins with our relationship with God and then extends to our neighbors. Now I know that the primary purpose of Sunday morning is to worship God, but there is another element to our time together and that is fellowship. In 1 John chapter 1 it reads, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete."

The Greek word for fellowship is, KOINONIA, which means "to share in common." What we share in common as Christians is of course our faith in Jesus Christ. That faith makes us the family of God, and one of the wonderful things about being a Christian is that a Christian life never has to be a lonely life. The Bible describes the Body of Christ as having many members; as a vine that has many branches; as a temple that has many stones; as a family that has many children. We gather on Sunday to worship God and to grow in faith but also to remember that no one person has to go through life alone. We are created to have fellowship.

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Remember...there is no substitute for our deep need for fellowship. So come to Church on Sunday morning with the knowledge that we all need to give and receive the right hand of fellowship. Shake as many hands as you can on Sunday. Maybe offer a hug. And let's enjoy our Lord and have some good fellowship.

**VISITATIONS:** I would like to visit with each individual and family in the church as a way of getting to know everyone. You can help me accomplish this by setting up a time to have lunch or to schedule a time to visit in my office or in your home (it's your choice). I have created a simple, online scheduler you can use to set up a time, or Donna in the church office can assist. I look forward to visiting with you!

Online scheduler: <https://visitwithandy.as.me>

In Christ's Service,

Andy

## CHOIR NOTES BY NANCY HAJEK

Music greetings! WOW!! August is here!! Is anyone else thinking how it got here so soon? If you happen to glance over at the handbell storage cabinet and notice the bells not there, don't panic. I've taken them to Kerrville to be serviced so that they are sounding in tune and balanced and will look shiny and new once again. They are ready for pick-up. I just have to have a day available to pick them up!

Chancel Choir will begin August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, so if you've ever thought about joining the choir, you are welcome to join us for that and try us on for size!!

Glory Tones will resume rehearsals Wednesday, September 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our newly serviced bells should be back, I will have organized all of our new music to ring, and we should be ready to go. I can't wait.

Soli Deo Gloria,

*Nancy*

## Important Dates To Remember

**July 29—August 3, 2019—9:00 am—11:30 am—**Vacation Bible School

**August 4, 2019—**Nursing Home Worship Service  
Care Inn: 3:30—4:00 pm  
Monument Hill: 4:15—4:45 pm

**August 15, 2019—**Public School Starts Today!

**August 19, 2019—**Single Board Meeting—5:30 pm—Room #15

**August 19, 2019—**Deadline to submit September Lightshine Newsletter articles



**SINGLE BOARD MEETING  
MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2019  
5:30PM**

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT



**THEME:** We Make the Path by Walking stems from the realization “though the Church is not always of one mind, we make the path by walking in the spirit of hope, peace, connection, and with a focused commitment to the needs of our communities and the world around us.”

### **Bishop's Message: Who are we?**

352 churches  
111,778 members  
42,152 Average Worship Attendance  
80.95% Anglo  
12.59% Hispanic  
3.58% African  
2.88% Other  
74 counties served  
We are the only bilingual UMC Conference in the United States  
450 miles of South Texas border with Mexico

### **Strategic Priorities in Addressing Mission Fields:**

1. Strengthening congregations and multiplying faith communities
2. Clergy and lay leadership development
3. Reaching next generations
4. Serving our unique bilingual multicultural mission field
5. Missions, service, and justice ministries

### **GENERAL CONFERENCE 2020**

- Rio Texas Delegation will serve from election till we elect the next one for HC 2024
- Legislation deadline early fall
- Delegations meetings start in the fall through April
- General Conference: Minneapolis, MN May 5-15, 2020
- Work with Conference Leadership and other Delegations
- Study books of legislation material
- Election of Bishops to Jurisdictional Conference-interviews next spring
- Jurisdictional Conference: The Woodlands, TX. July 13-16, 2020

### **ELECTED LAY DELEGATES**

General:	Jurisdictional:
Jay Brim	Carol Loeb
Rachel Wright	Cynthia Johnson
Charles McCarity	Kercida McClain
Ralph Thompson	Iris Chavis

### **ELECTED CLERGY DELEGATES**

General:	Jurisdictional:
Laura Merrill	Paul Lynd Escamilla
James Patrick Amerson	Abigail Herrera
Raquel Feagins	Wilson Pruitt
Taylor Fuerst	Amelia Beasley

### **ALTERNATE LAY DELEGATES**

Priscilla Patterson  
Aislinn Deviney  
Patricia Stewart  
Abby Gutierrez

### **ALTERNATE CLERGY DELEGATES**

Russell Miller  
Liliana Padilla  
Michael Mumme  
Tom Deviney





Our Methodist Men's group would like to keep the congregation informed with what we have planned for our monthly meetings. The following organizations will be program presenters:

**AUGUST 2019: Kids With Cancer**

**YOUTH GROUP**



**\*\*Copies of LGFUMC Financials & Single Board Minutes are available upon request. Please contact Eva Gregory in the Church Office.\*\***

*Happy Birthday*

Brenda Lasswell	Aug. 3	Corey Golan	Aug. 12	Pam Nolen	Aug. 23
Deborah Ledbetter	Aug. 3	Kolby Karstedt	Aug. 12	Dillon Van Dressar	Aug. 23
Orvel Hill	Aug. 5	Jim Otto	Aug. 13	Caramel Homer	Aug. 24
Bobby Hajek	Aug. 6	Georgia Burton	Aug. 14	Jean McHenry	Aug. 24
Colin Basquette	Aug. 7	Beatrice Burton	Aug. 14	Tom Buscher	Aug. 25
Larry Fleck	Aug. 7	Ernest Keeney	Aug. 15	Ellen Hardin	Aug. 27
Verta Brown	Aug. 8	Mary Ann Hatfield	Aug. 17	Patsy Hess	Aug. 27
Charles Katz	Aug. 8	David Pace	Aug. 17	Bill Pieratt	Aug. 27
Donald Wilson	Aug. 8	Betty Keeney	Aug. 18	Madison Lambert	Aug. 28
Pat Schmidt	Aug. 10	Jon Ballard	Aug. 21	Skylar Gray	Aug. 29
Michele Schramm	Aug. 10	Donella Cernosek	Aug. 21	Rickie Fleck	Aug. 30
Ann Baker	Aug. 11	Dan Teas	Aug. 21	Michael Hall	Aug. 30
Rickey Fleck	Aug. 11	Aubrey Wallace	Aug. 22	Shelby Scallan	Aug. 30
Jerry Hess	Aug. 11	James Kahlden	Aug. 23		

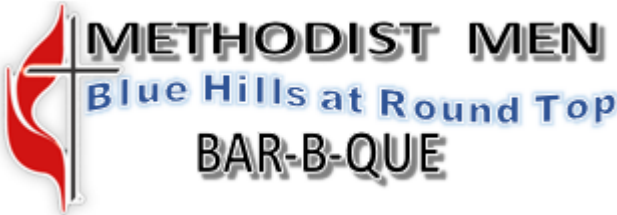
*Happy Anniversary*

Dick & Patty Ingalls	Aug. 1	Jerry & Patsy Hess	Aug. 15
Mark & Annette Cooper	Aug. 4	Larry & Carol Russell	Aug. 16
Bobby & Nancy Hajek	Aug. 6	Tim & Amy Evans	Aug. 18
Patrick & Kathleen Wilder	Aug. 6	Bill & Margie Hill	Aug. 22
Paul & Jeanette Faist	Aug. 8		

**Prayer Shawl Ministries**

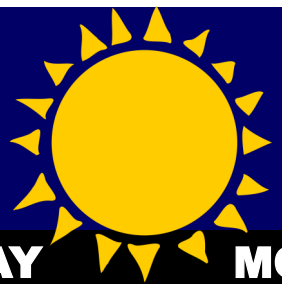
The Prayer Shawl Ministry is responding to a request from Fayette County to prepare small blankets to be distributed during the Car Seat Event they will have next April 2020. Blankets can be knitted, crocheted, or made of fleece or flannel. Please contact Diana Wilson at the email below if you would like to help.

[diana@offln.com](mailto:diana@offln.com)



An initial sign-up sheet for working at the Blue Hills Round Top Methodist Men Bar-B-Que will be sent out August 24-25th.





# August

# 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> 9:00 am—11:30 am—Vacation Bible School	<b>2</b> 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study Conference Room 9:00 am—11:30 am—Last Day of Vacation Bible School	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> 9:00 am—Traditional Service w/ Holy Communion 10:10 am—Sunday School 11:10 am—New Life Service 12:30 pm—YOUTH Nursing Home Worship Service 3:30—4:00 pm—Care Inn 4:15—4:45 pm—Monument Hill	<b>5</b> 9:00 pm—Sages & Saints- Conference Room 12:00 Noon—Women's Emmaus Group Conference Room	<b>6</b> 5:30 pm—Lifesong—Sanctuary	<b>7</b> 7:00 am—Emmaus Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall 1:00 pm—United Methodist Women Fellowship Hall	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study Conference Room	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:00 am—Traditional Service 10:10 am—Sunday School 11:10 am—New Life Service with Holy Communion 12:30 pm—YOUTH	<b>12</b> 12:00 Noon—Women's Emmaus Group Conference Room 4:00 pm—Council on Ministries Meeting—Conference Room	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm—Lifesong—Sanctuary	<b>14</b> 7:00 am—Emmaus Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall	<b>15</b> 6:30 pm—United Methodist Men Fellowship Hall  PUBLIC SCHOOL STARTS TODAY	<b>16</b> 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study Conference Room	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:00 am—Traditional Service with Holy Communion 10:10 am—Sunday School 11:10 am—New Life Service 12:30 pm—YOUTH	<b>19</b> 12:00 Noon—Women's Emmaus Group Conference Room 5:30 pm—Single Board Meeting Room #15 6:30 pm—Bruce & Friends Monument Hill	<b>20</b> 5:30 pm—Lifesong—Sanctuary	<b>21</b> 7:00 am—Emmaus Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm—Chancel Choir resumes	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study Conference Room	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:00 am—Traditional Service 10:10 am—Sunday School 11:10 am—New Life Service with Holy Communion 12:30 pm—YOUTH	<b>26</b> 12:00 Noon—Women's Emmaus Group Conference Room	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm—Lifesong—Sanctuary	<b>28</b> 7:00 am—Emmaus Men's Breakfast Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm—Wednesday Mid Week Service resumes 7:00 pm—Chancel Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30 am—Men's Bible Study Conference Room	<b>31</b>