

**CITY OF CENTER
PROCLAMATION**

**First United Methodist Church
150th Anniversary
150 Years of Service – 150 Ways to Serve**

WHEREAS, the 150th Anniversary of the First United Methodist Church of Center, Texas is being celebrated; and

WHEREAS, The First United Methodist Church of Center, Texas was founded on Porter Street in 1866 in order to spread the love of God and the Good News of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, First United Methodist Church of Center, Texas has built on the heritage of the founding fathers which is: Its commitment to Christian values; Its preservation, protection and beautification of the cemetery for over 150 years; Its sponsorship of Boy Scout Troop 119 in the Community for a strong Scouting program for boys of all denominations; Its Missions and Outreach in the local community; and It's continuing the legacy with contributions of moral welfare to the community; and

WHEREAS, United Methodists are called to perpetuate the tradition of founder John Wesley, who cared for "the least, the last, the lost," as well as the tradition of Circuit Riding preachers who pioneered communities of faith and helped settle our City; and

WHEREAS, The music ministry of First United Methodist Church has put a song of gladness in many a weary heart and encouraged saints at every age and stage to praise God through instruments, hand bells, hymns and songs; and

WHEREAS, For the past 150 years, the mission and activities of First United Methodist Church of Center have been maintained by its committed and dedicated members and continues to believe that we are "endowed by our Creator with certain inalienable rights," one of which is to worship God freely in a faith community that is warm and inspiring; and

WHEREAS, we give pause to honor this day for the deep and abiding Christian commitment of those who in faith continues the great work of this church and especially to Pastor Karen Jones on her unselfish dedication to the United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, our entire community has benefited from the wonderful influence this church has led throughout the years; and it is a pleasure to extend this expression of our esteem and best wishes to the members of this congregation on the memorable occasion of this anniversary;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DAVID CHADWICK, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CENTER, do hereby deem it an honor and pleasure to the First United Methodist Church on this, their 150th Anniversary, our best wishes in the special observance of this special day.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Center to be affixed this 31st day of January 2016.

David Chadwick, Mayor