



Thank you for your extravagant generosity and hospitality to our UArmy campers this week. Please join us for worship Thursday night at 7pm.

As we talked about Samuel anointing David as king this past Sunday I hope you take some time this week to consider how God has anointed you in your baptism with gifts of grace and service. Gifts and graces are given to build up the body of Christ and Paul tells us in I Corinthians that all of the members (gifts) are needed for the body to be whole. What gifts and graces has God anointed you with to build up this portion of Christ's body known as First UMC Center?

As I watch the youth and adults serving in Center this week, using their gifts and sometimes discovering that they can do more than they ever imagined they could, I wonder what are each of us might be capable of if we put ourselves in a position to stretch our boundaries of what is possible.

Along with anointing is a call. We each have a call on our lives. Sometimes life gives us new callings and opportunities through different stages of our lives. Discipleship is something none of us retires from. What might God have in store for you?

Karen

## FINANCE UPDATE

2018 Budget  
\$414,701.00

Needed weekly  
\$7,975.02

Received on 06/10/2018  
\$5,455.00

Received to date (week 23)  
\$158,817.55

Needed to date 06/10/2018  
\$183,425.46

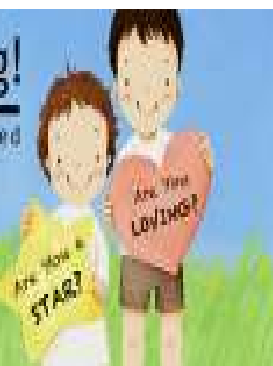
Difference  
-\$24,607.91

## June 10<sup>th</sup> Attendance

Sunday School	28
8:30 am Worship Service	42
11:00 am Worship Service	51
Total Worship Service	93

## We're Hiring!

Nursery Worker Needed



We need to hire a loving person to work with our tiny members. If you want to show God's love to little people we have a spot for you!

If you or someone you know might be a good fit, come to the office and get an application. We pay \$10/hour with a 3 hour minimum guaranteed. We can give more details to those interested.



**Sunday, July 1<sup>st</sup> will be Patriotic at both services.**



## Summer Kids' Activity Overview 2018

These are the activities that we have scheduled for our kids for summer.

You will be getting more detailed information about them in the next few weeks.

Check your church newsletter or our facebook **Kids Grow in Christ** page for updates and/or changes. Church camp is the only activity listed for which there is a fee. Entering grades 1<sup>st</sup>-finishing 4<sup>th</sup>

June 13 10:00 am-1<sup>st</sup> Wonderful Wednesday – Porch Ministry in the morning - local  
Swimming in the afternoon – local - Bring a sack lunch

June 18 – June 21 (Monday – Thursday) – VBS 6:00 – 8:00 Theme: Super Heroes in the Bible

June 27 – 8:00 am 2<sup>nd</sup> Wonderful Wednesday – Lufkin Zoo

Lufkin 1<sup>st</sup> UMC – Clean Water program - Bring a sack lunch

**July 8 – 13 Church Camp – If your child has not already signed up to go to church camp, and you want him/her to go, you will need to contact the church office immediately. There are both sign-up deadlines (June 24<sup>th</sup>) and fees for camp. Ages are for kids entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up.**

July 18 – 9:00 am last Wonderful Wednesday – Longview – Mission outreach for the homeless

Methodist Church-supported daycare - Bring a sack lunch

\*Children entering Kindergarten are welcome to come along, but must be accompanied by a parent or grandparent.

\*If a child attends any of the above activities, a guardian must fill out a permission slip beforehand.

Nancy Dickerson

**Want to receive updates from the church? Send your email to [fumccenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fumccenter@sbcglobal.net) and we will add you!**

## Upcoming Meeting

**Trustees Committee**  
Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>  
in the Parlor  
@ 5:30 pm



First United Methodist Church,

Thank you so much for the prayer cross! We will cherish the love and prayers that were put into it for our little guy!

Many blessings,  
The Spencer Family



Bristell Andrews is my granddaughter. Thank you for praying for her and sending the beautiful prayer cross. Russell and Kaylie have it hanging in her room. We love it. I pray you will receive a special blessing as well.

Jill Smith, grandmother



“When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?” (*Psalms 8: 3-4 NIV*) Have you found yourself caught up in the daily grind, going to work, coming home, preparing a meal, cleaning up, going to bed...only to begin all over again the next day? Life can be tiring. We get exhausted, and sometimes we wonder, just like King Solomon, is it worth it all? When our granddaughter came to visit a couple of summers ago, she was still at the age of wonder. Everything was still new and exciting. As we prepared for bed, we looked out in the twilight, and saw the twinkling of fireflies out the window. We grabbed hands and ran outdoors in our pajamas, and watched in mutual silence as the tiny lights exploded through the small clearing through the trees. It was a magical moment we didn't want to disturb by talking or whispering as we returned back inside the house. Father God, help us to look past those tedious things we must do, and return to find the magic in Your creation. You spilled the stars across the sky in such a way we cannot comprehend. That same majesty and care spills out to us as You lovingly care for us, Your children. We thank You for all the magical moments we can share as we wonder about Your creation. In Jesus name, AMEN.

*You may send your prayer requests and praises to Terri Lacher at [btlacher@sbcglobal.net](mailto:btlacher@sbcglobal.net) or at (936) 598-3484 or (936) 332-2717*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
BIBLE HEROES  
June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Grades entering K-5<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 8:00 pm

“My hero doesn't hide behind a mask  
He doesn't need a cape to fly  
He's stronger than the ocean  
And bigger than the sky...  
Jesus Christ: The Only Superhero”

\*A permission slip will need to be filled out on each child on the first night. Please come around 5:30 pm to take care of that.



June 27: MYF “Stump the Preacher”



July 1: 6pm

July 4 & 11: No MYF  
July 8-13: Church Camp

**Church Camp July 8-13**  
**Lakeview Conference Center**  
**For those students entering Grades 3-12**  
**Logistical information coming soon**

Sunday Schedule:  
8:30am – Worship  
9:30am ~ Coffee Fellowship  
10am– Sunday School for all ages  
11am- Worship

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