



\$1- A -Week Campaign Update

We have sent grant applications to all 5 Center ISD Schools which will give one educator from each campus a \$500 grant for expenses outside the school budget to use next school year. That leaves about \$1,200 for grants to church members to start new ministries. What have you wished you could do to change someone's life if you just had the finances available? What is that one thing, that one ministry that stirs your heart? Grant applications are available from Kelli in the church office.

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR SUNDAY, MAY 19

The reception of the confirmation class is a sacred act that the whole church needs to participate in. In addition, we need to all be able to celebrate our seniors! One of seniors is being honored at another church as well so we can't have a single service at our usual, meet-in-the middle time of 10am. THIS SUNDAY ONLY, WE WILL HAVE ONE COMBINED SERVICE AT 11:00 AM. PRECEDED BY MEN'S BREAKFAST AT 9:30 AND SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10. Please join us as we celebrate the lives of our children and youth. Each senior will have a table honoring them. There will be a purple tub on each table for you to leave cards and well wishes. Don't miss the fun!

WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS HELP CREATE WONDERFUL EXPERIENCES THIS SUMMER FOR OUR KIDS

Now that the school year is almost over, it is time to look forward to the summer activities we have on schedule for our kids. Parents, make a note of these dates. We will be letting you know times and more details in a few weeks.

June 5: Wonderful Wednesday day trip out of town. (destination: SURPRISE, but it will involve animals and food!!)

Ages: entering 1st grade - finishing 3rd grade

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

June 26: Wonderful Wednesday day trip out of town (yes, we will be traveling this summer!) Hint: this trip involves EMERGENCIES and underwater creatures!!

Ages: entering 1st grade - finishing 3rd grade

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

July 10: Wonderful Wednesday GRAND DAY!! activities are here at the church and will involves wood, work, partnership, and water!!

Ages: entering 1st grade - finishing 3rd grade. . . AND . . . Each child should bring a grandparent, great-grand parent, or some other "partner" who is a bona-fide adult!! Children entering Kindergarten are welcome to join us since we are inviting "grands" for the day.

Each child and adult will need to bring a sack lunch for each of these days. We will provide coolers for lunches and drinks. We think that these Wednesday activities will be WONDERFUL WAYS to have fun exploring God's creations this summer.

Starting May 15, youth will meet at 4:30 p.m. and end at 6:30 p.m.

We are meeting earlier because our youth have other obligations on Wednesdays they have to attend. So, we are giving them an additional 30 minutes to come together to study, partake in snacks, and fellowship.

We hope to see you on Wednesday!

2019 FINANCE UPDATE

2019 Budget
\$406,936.00
Needed weekly
\$7,825.69
Received week (19) 5/12/2019
\$5,352.85
Needed YTD (19) 5/12/2019
\$148,688.11
Received YTD (18) 5/12/2019
\$134,333.78
Difference
-\$14,354.33

May 12th Attendance

Sunday School	36
8:30 am Worship Service	54
11:00 am Worship Service	53
Total Worship	107

If you have not turned in your Lenten Offering, you may do so at this time. The Lenten offering is going to Missions.



Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory. To him be glory evermore. -Romans 11:36 (The Living Bible)

I often wonder, especially if I'm in the midst of a small crisis, why did God place us on this planet, and what is our purpose here? The answer comes to me from an early childhood lesson. The very first thing I learned about why God made me, I memorized from the age of five years old. "He made me to love Him, to serve Him, and to be happy with Him in Heaven." It was that simple statement that has been with me for a lifetime. We are created in God's image to share in His great love by the act of our own free will. As a result, He placed us on this earth that has just the right things like oxygen, food, light, and beauty beyond anything we can imagine so we could know how much He loves us, and we would love Him back. We each have a special reason for being here by His Divine Plan. Isn't that amazing? How can we not thank Him and give Him praise when we are surrounded by such great love? Father God, I love you daily with my own free will, and freely enjoy the joy Your love brings to my soul. Thank You for not giving up on us as Your people. We are so grateful for all You have done! Teach us how to love You and Your creation as we walk on this beautiful earth You placed us on. In Jesus name, amen.

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

A dark blue background with a pink owl perched on a branch with green leaves. There are yellow stars scattered around. The text is white and pink.

COME SIP AND SEE AS WELL AS SHOWER BLESSINGS UPON

Nora Jo

DAUGHTER OF JOHN AND JENNY LIGHTFOOT

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
1:30 TO 3:30 PM

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH
211 PORTER ST CENTER, TX

Selections at Payne and Payne, Wal-Mart and Amazon

GIVEPLUS⁺
Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions

First United Methodist Church is proud to partner with Vanco Payment Solutions to make your giving experience simple and secure. This service is offered through the GivePlus+ on your mobile device or visit the Giving link on our church website at <http://fumccentertx.org/> to create your profile to Give online. If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Kelli Snider at the church office (936) 598-2707. Thank you again for your support and generosity!

A graphic with a background of pink flowers. The text is in various colors and fonts.

Celebrating a special occasion?
Honoring a loved one?

Say it with
FLOWERS

Sign up to provide flowers for the altar

Contact Kelli in the church office to reserve your spot.

To ensure the safety of others and our buildings, please make sure all doors are locked and all lights are off upon leaving.