



Weekly Update Friday, September 17, 2021

208 S. Houston St. Kaufman, TX 75142

Rev. Stephen Cotten

Sunday Morning In Person:
Adult Sunday School Classes at 9:00 a.m.
Service of Worship and Praise at 10:15a.m.

Sunday Morning Online:
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Dear Members, Friends, and Supporters of the FUMC Kaufman Family,

Serving with you in God's church is such a privilege. You are a true community of faith. I admire you because of the relationships you share.

You share the bond of love, first and foremost. Not a passive, disappearing, shrinking-violet love, you share a caring, persevering, life-transforming, reaching-for-justice, following Christ kind of love that is remarkable. This is the love of God that is freely shared by people in relationship with their Creator.

You share the bond of changing your community. Each week when you volunteer and deliver Meals on Wheels, I am inspired by the ways you give of yourselves to make a life-changing difference for citizens who need a helping hand. It's easy to see how you inspire one another to want to do more. You look forward to Pumpkin Patch and the children that ministry brings to our campus

You share the bond of being good neighbors. You listen to one another, learning the celebrations and the challenges that are facing each family. You pray for one another. You care for those who are sick or grieving. You visit those who cannot get out.

You worship together! Sing together! Fellowship together! Eat together! Laugh together! Cry together! Hurt together! Heal together! Heartbreak together! Share life together! **Become a church together!**

Somewhere along the way, you discover a common purpose of dipping into the well of Christ's love to rehydrate the hopeless, helping them to become hopeful. You share being stewards of the well. The water of life flows through you, the people of FUMC. Thank you for letting me be a steward of the well with you.

I look forward to worshipping together on Sunday!

God's best be yours,
 Stephen Cotten, Pastor

This week's pocket verse:
Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This week's sermon is titled
"Lilies of Generosity"
Scripture is Matthew 6:25-33 (NRSV)



THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Agape Sunday School	9:00 am - 10:00 am	AC
Worship Service	10:15 am - 11:15am	SAN
Kaufman Charge Conference	3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	FH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

Cub Scouts	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	FH
Boy Scouts	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	FH
Methodist Women	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	AC

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

Friendship Sewing	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	FH
Ragamuffin Class	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	ROG

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Meals On Wheels Delivery	10:00 am - 11:30am	CIV
Bible Study w/ Stephen	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	FH
UMCOR Cleaning Kit Assembly	5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	FH
Chancel Choir	7:00pm - 8:00 pm	SAN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

Girl Scouts	6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	FH
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

Methodist Men Breakfast	8:00 am - 9:00 am	FH
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AC-Adult Center • BLU-Blue Room • CIV-Pick up at Kaufman Civic Center • DAV- Jim & Earlene Davis' Home • FH -Fellowship Hall • ORNG-Orange Room • ROG Mike & Pam Rogers Home • SAN-Sanctuary

He Is Your Confidence

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Sometimes we wish for more confidence. A job interview or a social situation we are facing may make us nervous. A new situation we're thrown into may cause us to worry. Will we be dressed appropriately? Will we know what to say?

These are the times to remember that the Lord is always with us. He has promised never to leave or forsake us. He tells us we are His little lambs and He is our great Shepherd. He upholds us with His righteous right hand. He leads us along still waters and restores our soul. These are just a few of the promises of God regarding the care He provides for His children.

The next time you need some confidence, instead of worrying or trying to muster it up on your own, seek God.

It says in 2 Corinthians 12:9, ..."My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

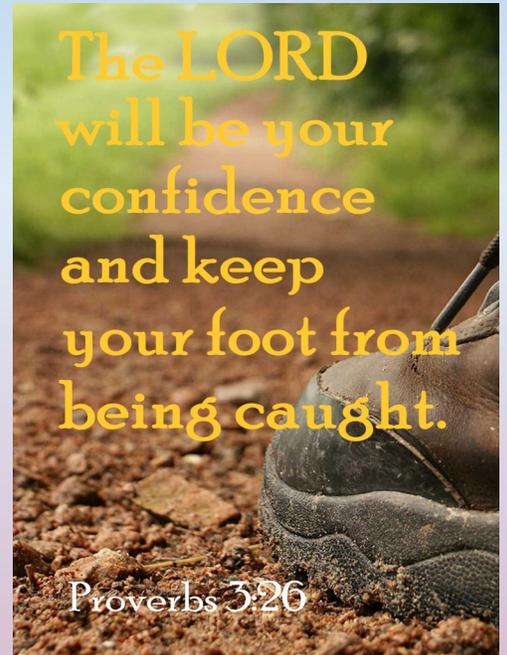
Remember that in your weakness, God shows up to be your strength. He will be your confidence.

Lord, be my confidence when this world brings situations in which I feel insecure or inadequate.

Thank you for your grace. In Jesus name, Amen

Love and Blessings to you all,

~Karen Park



Hello all!

So excited to let you know that we are going to start back having choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 22! It's time!!!!

Let me start by giving a BIG THANK YOU to Mary, Debbie, Carol, Vickie, and Dave and recently added, Stephen. These individuals have worked tirelessly to bring you music over the past year or more of COVID!

I hope everyone that has sang with us prior to COVID will come back and bring a friend!!! And anyone that has ever thought they might enjoy singing in the choir...come and try it...you might like it!!!! We will begin rehearsal on Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 PM in the Sanctuary.

We will move over to the choir room in October.

I have missed the fun and the fellowship with you and look forward to getting together to praise God with our music. Even if our numbers are small we have the ability to do great things with our voices and songs. You don't have to be a great singer to come and enjoy singing...my motto is still what the Bible says: Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord!!! Notice it doesn't say it has to be great...just JOYFUL!!!! So bring your love of the Lord, music, and your laughter and join us!

Feel free to call me or the church office if you have any questions.
Office, 972.932.3838. Karen, 214-263-5780.

Love and Blessings to all,
~Karen Park



September 2 - Sue Hudnall

September 7 - Jennifer Patterson

September 9 - Linda Tackett

September 10 - Greg Doster

September 10 - Kay Sisson

September 19 - Teresa Howard

September 25 - Carolyn Wilson

September 27 - Kathy Davis

September 29 - Bobby Aga

NOW Backpack Program

NOW Backpack Program will be an ongoing mission for us throughout the school year. The program is run by the school counselors and the student leadership class.

They provide food on the weekends to those students that may not have access to necessities at home.

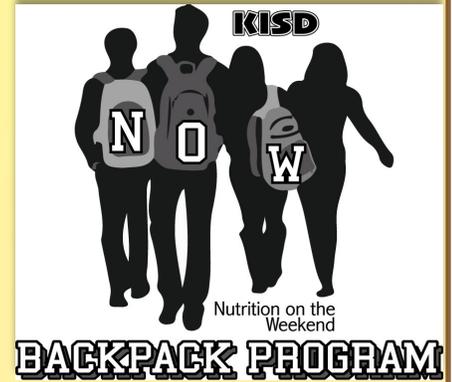
There are 17 students in the program.

Each Friday, the students receive a duffle bag of non-perishable food items and once a month toiletries are put in their personal backpacks.

The counselors also requested these items specifically:

- * Jeans (all sizes for students 6-8 grades, no holes or tears, new or gently used washed are okay)
- * Shampoo, conditioner, soap or body wash
- * Dry Shampoo

If you can help, contact Pastor Stephen or Pam.



Senior Connect - Kaufman Meals on Wheels

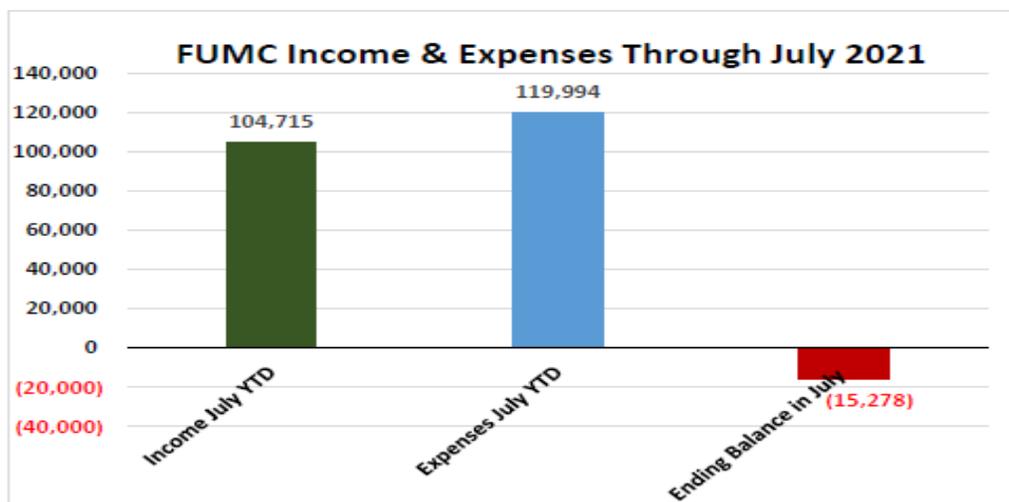
Along with other churches and organizations, FUMC has committed to delivering Meals On Wheels one day a week. Our day is Wednesday.

Meal pick-up is at The Senior Center which is located at the Kaufman Civic Center at 607 E. Fair Rd.

You may do a ride along with any of the seasoned volunteers to check out the route and to see if this is a ministry you would like to help with.

You will be required to complete a volunteer registration and background check form.

If interested, please contact Pam 214-538-4727 or Charrise 469-410-1895.



Doubting Thomas(Dave)

I have always listened to the prayer requests for our congregation and have always diligently prayed for those listed. To be honest, I haven't always signed the sheets because I thought that a prayer was enough.

That was until something happened to change my mind. I recently lifted up a high school friend, Debbie Erickson Brandenberg, who lost her husband, Jerry (also a friend of mine from high school) to dementia. I also paid my condolences to her on Facebook. Labor Day weekend I attended my high school reunion in Illinois and ran into Debbie. She pulled me aside and gave me the biggest hug. I again gave her my condolences and she reached into her purse and pulled out the prayer sheet that FUMC Kaufman had mailed to her. She told me that out of all of the cards and letters she received, this one had meant the most.

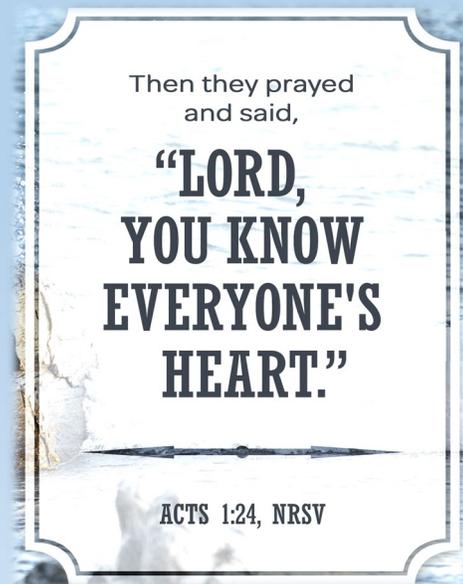
She couldn't believe that strangers who did not know her would pray for her. She said she still carries it with her and when those feelings of despair hit, she pulls it out and looks at each and every name on that list. She is very grateful and said that she got this just when she needed it the most. God is with us all and for her to be reminded that she is not alone was truly remarkable.

I am now a true believer and will not hesitate to sign prayer sheets from now on.

Blessings,

Dave Spaulding

First United Methodist Church



Agape Class meets each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Adult Education Center. Coffee is ready at 8:45.

Raggamuffin Class meets at the home of Mike & Pam Rogers each Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.

COMING SOON!!

Two new classes coming soon!

⇒ Young Adult Class

⇒ Children Sunday School

If you would like to volunteer to help lead Children or Youth Sunday School, please call the church office, or let Pam know.

“God grant that I may never live to be useless!”

John Wesley



On Sunday, October 3rd, after church, we need 4 or 5 people to help Greg put up the mural and fence. You may need to bring a drill. Let Pam know if you can help.

Just a few weeks until PUMPKINS will be delivered!!

We will be open 7 days a week beginning **October 9th**.

While some area schools will be coming to visit the patch, Kaufman students will not be taking field trips.

Instead, we are taking the pumpkin patch to the classrooms!

We will stuff bags with a pumpkin and other goodies to take to each student.

We also are going to have the PUMPKIN PATCH Market on October 16th. (Outdoors, weather permitting) Those interested in being a vendor, contact Charrise.

There are many volunteer opportunities coming up:

-  Prepare the patch: week of October 3rd
-  Unload the pumpkins (October 9)
-  Stuff bags for the classes
-  Bake Muffins (contact Pam for the recipe)
-  Work sales shifts at the Pumpkin Patch (see Pam for scheduling)

Let Charrise (469-410-1895) or Pam (214-538-4727) know if you plan to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Let's help the children in our community celebrate Halloween safely and have some fun ourselves.

Our church will be holding a **Trunk or Treat Event** on **Saturday, Oct. 30** from 5 to 7pm in our parking lot.

With flyers, banners, and signs, we will invite members of our church and community to join us by decorating their cars and handing out candy and treats to the children who come by.

We're planning **Best Costume and Best Car Decoration** contests.



If you would like to join us or learn more, come to the organizational meeting in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, Sept. 30 at 6pm.

Please contact Carol Cooper at 972-890-2806 or Pam at the church office for more information. Please plan to be part of this fun activity. More to come!



We need candy donations for Halloween on Houston Street.

Bring your wrapped candy or non-candy treats to the office or drop in donation box in the West Room. For more information, contact the church office.

Upcoming Events

Bible Study with Stephen

Stephen will lead a weekly Bible Study
at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Stephen would like you to join him as he
takes a more in-depth look at the scripture
text for the upcoming Sunday Service.

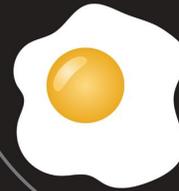
If you have questions,
contact Stephen or the church office.
Coffee and refreshments are provided.

Methodist Men's Monthly Breakfast

Men and young men of all ages are invited
to a time of fellowship, coffee, and
hot breakfast in Fellowship Hall .
Coffee is ready at 7:30, breakfast at 8:00.

September 25

For more information,
Contact Ken Caffey (214) 662-5047



Women of FUMC Kaufman *Let's get together (safely) again!*

ALL of the women of the church
are invited to join us as we meet
Monday evening, Sept. 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm
in the Adult Center.

We will be enriched by a devotional,
plan our year and enjoy a time of snacks
and fellowship.

Please come join us for a time of
planning our role in the life of our church.

See you Monday!

For more information, contact Carole Aga 972-962-8939



The Louisiana Conference needs help cleaning up after
Hurricane Ida. The North Texas Conference has set a
goal of donating 1,872 Cleaning Kits (previously called
Flood Buckets). Why 1,872 Cleaning Kits?
That is how many will fit into a trailer.

Our church has promised 50 buckets.

The collection runs Sunday, Sept. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 3.

The Kits will be transported to the UMCOR depot
in Pawnee, Ill., in early October.

The Sager-Brown depot is closed to volunteers
right now due to COVID.

You can help by completing one or more kits
(see details on next page, or ask pam for a detailed copy),
donate supplies, or make a monetary donation.

On Wednesday September 22 and September 29
we will gather to assemble the kits
at 5:00 in Fellowship Hall.
Dinner will be available.

For a more detailed Cleaning Kit List along with instructions on how to pack a bucket, go to <https://ntcumc.org/cleaning-kits> Or contact Bobby Aga, or the church office.
See previous page for more information.



Cleaning Kit (Formerly known as Flood Buckets) Challenge

The Louisiana Conference needs help cleaning up after Hurricane Ida.

The North Texas Conference has set a goal of donating 1,872 Cleaning Kits.

Collection runs Sept. 12 to Oct. 3.
11 churches will be drop-off sites.

Each 5-gallon bucket contains:

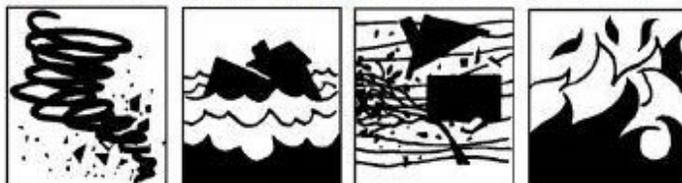
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| *Liquid laundry detergent | *Clothespins |
| *Liquid household cleaner | *Clothesline |
| *Dish soap | *Heavy-duty trash bags |
| *Spray air freshener | *N95 particulate respirator dust masks |
| *Spray insect repellent | *Kitchen gloves |
| *Scrub brush | *Work gloves |
| *Reusable cleaning wipes | |
| *Scouring pads | |

For specific details go to ntcumc.org/cleaning-kits

LOCAL

STATEWIDE

DISASTER RELIEF



Help those in need

Become an ***“EARLY RESPONSE TEAM”*** Member

October 2,2021 - FUMC Kaufman

Don't Wait To Join the Team!
We Need You

You, too, can become a Certified “Early Response Team” member by attending a class on October 2nd, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Kaufman. This class qualifies you to join a *much-needed* Outreach that strives to assist those in need at the time a disaster hits ... whether it is local or regional. You will learn the proper procedure for Debris Removal, Clean-Up and how to make a home safe and sanitary. Above all, you will learn to comfort those who have been affected by a disaster.

Our goal is to have at least six to eight members in each church. The more participants we have, the easier it becomes to put a response team together when a “Call Out” is received. For more information or sign-up instructions, please contact Bobby Aga at FUMC Kaufman by calling 214-549-6890 or email: bobbyaga10@gmail.com.

Requirements for sign up:

Call church secretary (972-932-2838) for “Ministry Safe” information

Fee of \$20 includes Lunch and Team T-Shirt



Dave Spaulding, Cleo Hefferan, Karen Park, Pat Sherwood

LORD, I NEED YOU

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

CCLI Song # 5925687

MIGHTY TO SAVE

Ev'ryone needs compassion
Love that's never failing
Let mercy fall on me
Ev'ryone needs forgiveness
The kindness of a Saviour
The hope of nations

Saviour He can move the mountains
My God is mighty to save
He is mighty to save
Forever Author of salvation
He rose and conquered the grave
Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me
All my fears and failures
Fill my life again
I give my life to follow
Ev'rything I believe in
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King
Jesus
Shine your light and let the whole world see
We're singing
For the glory of the risen King

CCLI Song # 4591782

TREMBLE, O EARTH,
at the presence of the LORD...

Who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.



PSALM 114:7-8, ESV

**I felt my heart strangely warmed.
I felt I did trust in Christ,
Christ alone for salvation.**

-John Wesley



IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible
Hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious
The Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious
Thy great name we praise

To all life thou givest
To both great and small
In all life thou livest
The true life of all
We blossom and flourish
As leaves on the tree
And wither and perish
But naught changeth thee

Thou reigest in glory
Thou dwellest in light
Thine angels adore thee
All veiling their sight
All praise we would render
O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor
Of light hideth thee

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

Rejoice ye pure in heart
Rejoice give thanks and sing
Your glorious banner wave on high
The cross of Christ your King
Rejoice rejoice rejoice
Give thanks and sing

Yes on through life's long path
Still chanting as ye go
From youth to age
By night and day
In gladness and in woe
Rejoice rejoice rejoice
Give thanks and sing

Praise God who reigns on high
The Lord whom we adore
The Father Son And Holy Ghost
One God forevermore
Rejoice rejoice rejoice
Give thanks and sing

