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WEEKLY UPDATE

KAUFMAN FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Note from our Pastor

I know we're still in the middle of summer, but it's the part of the middle where we are starting to think about the end. Specifically, we begin looking ahead to the fall semester and school being back in session. As we do that, I decided this year to move our Membership Sunday up a little to coincide with the start of school. Our Membership Sunday will be on August 11, and we encourage those who are part of our church but have not joined as members to do so.

Since we're talking about membership, I thought it would be good to discuss what that means to United Methodists. All members must be baptized, which is understood as the usual beginning of a person's life in God's household. Baptism is the foundation of membership in the church. All members of an appropriate age of understanding must likewise believe in and profess Jesus Christ as God, the one who saves us from sin and offers God's grace.

Practically speaking, membership means one can serve in church leadership and on committees. It means we are counted on the membership rolls. But far more than that, it signifies that we have chosen to actively serve God alongside others in this congregation.

In the United Methodist Church, we have membership vows that we take when we join a church. These vows are:

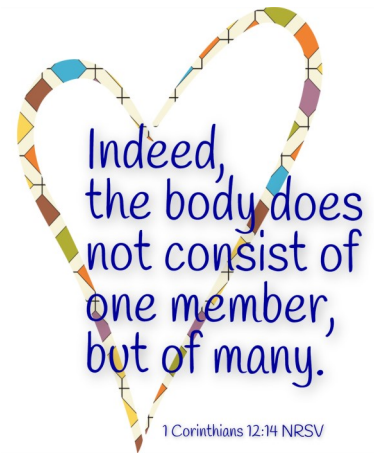
- To renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of the world, and repent of our sin.
- To accept the freedom and power God gives us to resist evil, injustice, and oppression.
- To confess Jesus Christ as Savior, put our whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as our Lord.
- To remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world.
- To be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in our power to strengthen its ministries.
- To faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

To receive and profess the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

If you haven't already, please consider joining FUMC Kaufman as we joyfully and hopefully look to the future. I encourage you to let me know if you would like to join the church and be here for Membership Sunday on August 11. Please also know that you can join the church at any time. If you'd like to talk more about membership, I'd love to have a conversation with you!

See you Sunday!

Rhea





Invite
Your
Friends

- July 11 : Perot Museum
- July 18 : Movie with friends
- July 25: Splash Kingdom
- August 1: No Time-Out Thursday
- August 8: Back-to-school Bash

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208 S. HOUSTON ST., KAUFMAN

RSVP to Rhea 915-873-3737 or Pam 214-538-4727



NOW TAKING DONATIONS OF ITEMS!

To schedule a time to bring your treasures to church, contact
Pam Caffey 214-538-4727

Would you like to help sort and price items before the sale, and assist on the day of the sale?
Let Carole Aga or Pam Caffey know!

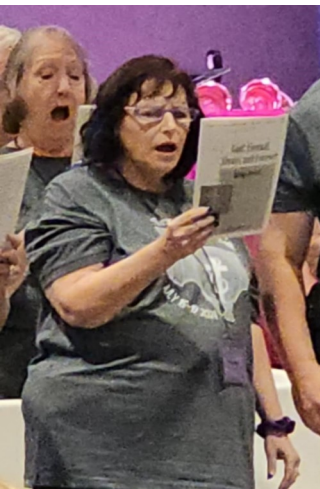
MUSIC NOTES: By Leona Adams



Last week I had the privilege to attend Texas Conference Choir Camp at Lakeview Methodist Center outside of Palestine, TX. I learned a great deal that I have brought back to Kaufman FUMC. I would like to thank you for giving me this opportunity!

I studied voice with an opera singer who explained breath, support, among other things to aide me in leading worship better. Also, it will help me with the choir as well.

I studied conducting which was very informative. I definitely learned how to lead the choir and Corey in a more clear way.



I studied rehearsal techniques. I learned some new ideas on how to keep rehearsals fresh and interesting. I also shared some things I do in rehearsals that are effective. One thing I like to do that I shared is ring a bell when the choir does a piece particularly well, moves me passionately, or even makes me cry. They seem to like that.

I studied elementary music. I learned motions, songs, and techniques on how to keep them engaged and learning. One thing I'm definitely going to do is order scarfs for them to use to express music.

I sang at least 4 hours a day. increasing my range and learning from the choir clinician.

I met some new friends and caught up with some friends I'd met previously. I had a great time!

Thank you again!!!

"The LORD is my Song"
Leona Adams



Mike and Shiloh are excited to lead our youth with biblical teaching, encouraging them to live into their growing faith, and mentor them as they seek to apply Christian values in their daily relationships.

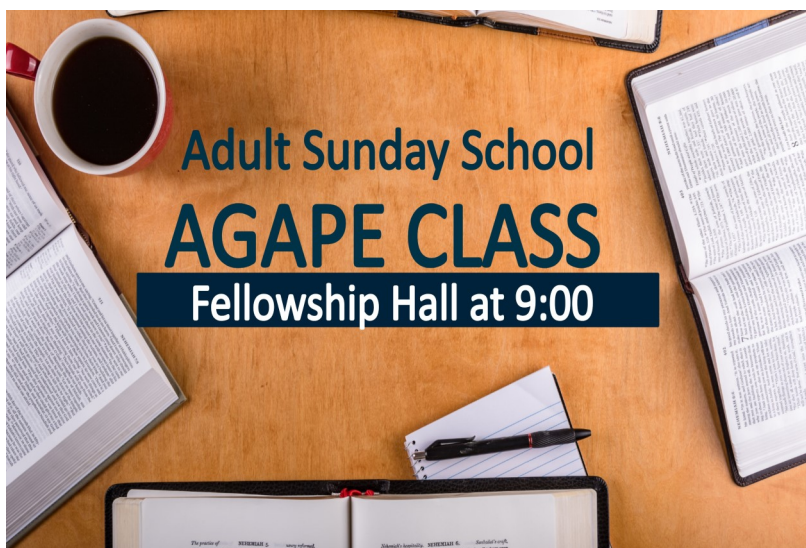
Mike will bring the donuts!

Bring your children ages Pre-k through 5th grade to our weekly Sunday School Class in the Orange Room. With games, video, songs, activities, and bible lessons, Leslie, Robin, and Tana will help your kiddos learn what matters most is to Simply Love Jesus and each other.



1 John 4:7 'Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.'

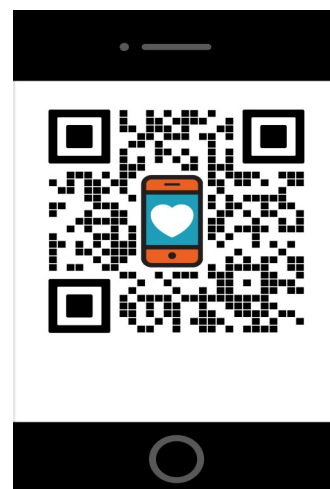
Good Fellowship,
Good Conversation,
Good Friends, and
Good Coffee.



Options for e-giving:
<https://onrealm.org/FirstUnitedMeth61253/give/gifts>

You may scan the
QR code to the right with your phone
OR
Text "FUMC208HOUSTON" to 73256
to give using your mobile device.

We are humbled by your gift to
First United Methodist Church - Kaufman.



Wish Them "Happy Birthday!"

Elaine Ramp - July 2
Mitchell Park - July 4
Carolyn Mize - July 7
Vanessa Figueiredo - July 9
Bonnie Smith - July 9
Lynnlee Roberts - July 10
Meredith Tijerina - July 14
Kennedy Wynne - July 14
Anita Hurtado - July 17
Jeff Roberts - July 17
Robert Yowell - July 18
Pat Arellano - July 24



Senior Connect - Kaufman Meals on Wheels

Partnering with Senior Connect, our church delivers a hot meal to our neighbors each Wednesday throughout the year.

Meals are to be picked up by 10:15 at Senior Connect which is located within the Civic Center at 607 E. Fair Rd. The route takes about 30 - 45 minutes.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Pam Caffey.

Hey Senior Citizens, did you know...

... that right here in town, you can enjoy a hot meal, fun, and fellowship every week day at the Kaufman Senior Center?

Lunch is served at 11:30 a.m. Suggested donation is \$2.00.

If you would like a calendar of events, contact Pam Caffey. You can enjoy songs, crafts, special guests, and games before lunch.

Call Tammy to let her know you are coming, 972-932-7002.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, July 27

8:00 Methodist Men Breakfast

Sunday, July 28

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:15 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School

10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Wednesday, July 31

10:15 a.m. Meals on Wheels Delivery

10:00 a.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study

5:45 p.m. Disciple 1 Bible Study

600 p.m. Trinity Rehearsal

6:45 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, August 1

Pastor Rhea's Birthday!!

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts

Friday, August 2

1:00 p.m. Home School Group

Scan the QR code for
up-to-date and extended
calendar information.

To add an event or meeting
to the calendar, contact
Pam in the office.



 **SCAN ME**



- * **August 9 – 10 Indoor Rummage Sale**
- * **August 11 - Membership Sunday**
- * **August 15 - Sunshine Gang Lunch**
- * **August 25 - All-Church SAS Meeting and Ice Cream Social**
- * **September 12 - Cooking With Katie**
- * **October 1-4 - Sunshine Gang to Branson**
- * **October 12 - Pumpkin Patch Opens**
- * **November – Christmas Bazaar**
(date to be determined)