



Where did Normal go?

Things just don't seem normal to me right now. Do they seem normal to you? Things are different. This is not the way I imagined my last couple of months would go. I'm maintaining "social distancing" and washing my hands every four minutes. I'm putting together worship videos for our YouTube channel at church. I use hand sanitizer whenever I open a door. And it is a bit strange for me. Darlene and I are both doing well. Cabin fever hasn't been a real issue. We are coping. But like many of you we wonder about tomorrow.

Most of us have probably used the phrase "back to normal" more than a few times. We wonder *when* things will get back to normal. We wonder *if* we will get back to normal. And in our braver moments we ponder whether or not things *should* get back to normal. As we come out of this pandemic, **and we will put it behind us one day**, we will most likely encounter a number of "new normals." And consider that our Bible contains story after story about God's people putting the past behind them and moving forward into a new future, one that did not look at all like the one they had left behind.

Noah would understand a new normal. Joseph and his family understood what it meant to have normal change in the blink of an eye. The disciples all left their old ways behind when Jesus called them to follow him. And when the flood of 1998 destroyed Brothers Chapel here in Cuero, both that church and FUMC would discover a new normal as they moved forward together. Wherever you are this morning, remember, we've been there before.

This wonderful church has a rich history. For generation after generation faithful members have maintained a Methodist presence in Cuero and Rabke. And what was normal for one generation was anything but normal for the next.

I listened to an interview with the superintendent of the Dallas ISD a few nights ago. It was interesting to hear him own the reality that he can't do school right now the way he has in the past. And already his school board, as are most boards around the state, is discussing options for opening school safely this fall; split schedules, desks six feet apart, lunch in the classroom, one-way halls. Wow! Pray for them folks. Pray for schools everywhere.

This church is adapting well with the Covid-19 guidelines. We are moving forward. The ministry of our Wesley Nurse is still vibrant. Worship is happening. Volunteers are helping with CAMAL House. Yes, more needs to be done. Numerous areas need to be strengthened. But we are adjusting to a different normal as we wait to see if this will become a new normal.

Be of good cheer. Keep the faith. Trust in God's faithfulness. Stay in touch with one another. Pray daily. And remember Wesley's Rules:

Do no harm.

Do good.

Stay in love with God.

Grace and peace,

Ron

Cuero Community Foundation Launches Matching Fund to Support DeWitt Co. Food Banks

Cuero, TX—The Covid-19 epidemic has created a crisis for many in DeWitt and the neighboring counties. To help local folks through these difficult times, the Cuero Community Foundation (CCF) is supporting CAMAL (Cuero Area Ministerial Alliance) House of Cuero, Yorktown Assistance Ministries (YAM) and Yoakum’s First Baptist Food Pantry by creating a matching fund to ensure families are able to put food on their tables. Cuero Community Foundation is a 501©3 charitable organization, incorporated in Cuero, Texas.

“These ministries have long served their local communities and urgently need immediate help to continue their work when it is needed most . . . now. The CCF Board of Directors has agreed that CCF will fully match public donations to these food centers up to \$100,000 in total,” said Bill Blackwell, CCF Board President.

“Given the serious impact that COVID-19 is having on our community and the many families that are struggling to put food on the table, all concerned DeWitt County citizens will surely want to help ease the burden and the worry of those struggling to make ends meet,” Paul W. Holcomb, Sr., CCF Board Member.

“Donations may be mailed or brought to the Cuero National Bank drive-through, located at 1800 N. Esplanade, said David Kleinecke, CCF Board Treasurer. Those wishing to donate are asked to make checks to Cuero Community Foundation. Please use the memo field to note your preferred food pantry for the allocation of your donation. Those wishing to mail in contributions are to mail to : Cuero Community Foundation, c/o David Kleinecke, Cuero National Bank, P.O. Box 889, Cuero, TX 77954. In order to acknowledge donations and send a tax deductible receipt, donors are asked to include a return mailing address.

“We invite you to join us in helping our neighbors and look forward to matching donations, thus maximizing the benefits. We hope this initiative will also inspire others to be good stewards of their blessings and support the community in practical ways,” said Debra Baros, CCF Board Vice President.

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Learn more about the grant and CCF by visiting www.cuerocommunityfoundation.com
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Hope this finds everyone well!

On behalf of the Church Council as your SPR Chair we are pleased and excited to announce Jackie Freeman as our full-time pastor. She is originally from Levelland, TX and currently resides in Austin. She is a retired teacher called into the ministry as her second career. She is attending Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and will graduate at the end of this month. Jackie is excited to come to Cuero this summer and we are grateful that this outstanding person has been called to our congregation. We are delighted that God has answered our prayers for someone that plans on staying with us “as long as we will keep her”.

Blessings to you all,

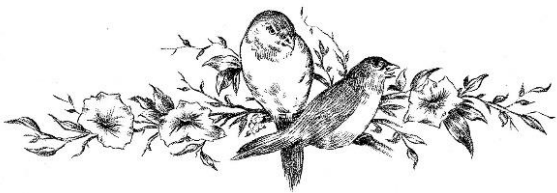
Charla



Praise God!!

Pastor Ron's surgery went well and he is resting comfortably at home! Praise God for good reports.

Thanks be to God!



IN-PERSON MEETINGS,
GATHERINGS, AND WORSHIP
SERVICES HAVE BEEN
SUSPENDED THROUGH MAY.
THESE SERVICES MIGHT RESUME
THE WEEKEND OF JUNE 7, 2020,
WITH APPROPRIATE HEALTH
AND SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

Leadership Council

GIVING:

It is crucial for FUMC that giving is not interrupted while our in-person worship is suspended. Ways to give offerings to FUMC include—

By mail:

First United Methodist Church
211 N. Clinton
Cuero TX, 77954

Online:

www.cuerofumc.org
Online Giving



Office:

In person giving is discouraged at this time but accepted.

HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DURING THIS HEALTH EMERGENCY:

Emails — Please send us your updated email information. Our office email is secretary@cuerofumc.org

Phone — Please contact us with any changes to your phone number by emailing us or leaving us a message on the church office at (361)275-5272.

Facebook — Check our Facebook page First United Methodist Church of Cuero @cuerofumc for services and information.

Website — For updates to the FUMC calendar, announcements and information please check our website at www.cuerofumc.org

YouTube — Check out our new YouTube channel for devotionals, messages from our Pastor, and worship services.

Secretary Hours — Office hours for the Secretary will vary. Please call ahead at (361)275-5272(office) or (361)564-6108(Pam's cell).



Birthdays

DeVonna Eldridge	2 nd
Leah Barth	3 rd
Lynn Jacoby	10 th
Desalyn Eldridge	13 th
Gage Lemke	19 th
Robert Barth	26 th
Levi Jones	31 st



Anniversaries

David & Betty Farris	10 th
B.J. & Jackie Drehr	19 th
Monte & Lynn Jacoby	22 nd
Roy & Karen Zengerle	23 rd

C.A.M.A.L. House
Collection for May:
Canned Meat



*“For everything
there is a season
and a time for
every matter
under heaven.”
Ecclesiastes 3:1*




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