



Cuero First United Methodist
Main Sail



What a year!

A year ago, I found myself in conversation with the district superintendent and leadership of this church about entering into an appointment. Having reached the mandatory retirement age of 72, I retired at Annual Conference but then agreed to come to FUMC, Cuero in a part-time, interim relationship. The year is about to end and the new Pastor Jackie Freeman, is coming to serve as a full-time pastor for the church here in Cuero. I am excited about the future for Cuero First.

This has been quite a year. Darlene and I were taken twenty years back in time to the day we unpacked our moving van and settled into a seven-year journey with you. We remembered how much we enjoyed being here and living in the parsonage. The Christmas Open House was such fun and it brought to mind other such events in days past. We rekindled old friendships and made some new ones. Walking into the Sanctuary brought tears to my eyes. I remembered fondly the days we walked together on that journey and I delighted in the story of how Brothers Chapel and FUMC merged. What a year that was. And what a year this is.

As often happens, a number of plans I had for worship and study had to be altered. In January I learned that I had cancer and would need surgery. Your love and care during that time were so important. Thank you. I remember praying for the people in China early in the year suffering from the Covid-19 virus. Little did I imagine we would be praying for ourselves within weeks. The pandemic has taken a heavy toll on many families. Many have lost jobs or seen their hours reduced. And it never crossed my mind that indeed churches would be suspending in-person worship out of an abundance of caution. But we did. We moved on and are regrouping. This church has always done that - regrouped. And as I write these final words on a Tuesday morning, I am saddened deeply by the events sweeping our country. Indeed, what a year this has been.

But I am encouraged by the people and the steadiness of FUMC, Cuero. This community of faith has endured much only to remain alive and well. Know this; the future holds great promise. The future has great potential. Soon. Very soon, you will be looking back and proclaiming to one another – Wow! What a year that was. New chapters of the life of Cuero First will be written. The memories of baptisms and weddings, of worship and fellowship, of outreach and mission will be rich conversation around the table.

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

June Announcements

- **Worship Services will resume on June 7th** with the appropriate precautions taken for everyone's safety. Facemasks will be encouraged but not required.
- Rental of our facilities by outside groups and clubs **will not be allowed** to meet through the month of June. The council will reevaluate in July.
- **NO meetings for: UMW, UMM, L.I.F.F.T. and Bell Choir** at this time. They will resume at a later date.
- NO Prayer Time in Chapel at 9:00am during the month of June.
- **Adult Sunday School** will start on June 14th.
(We will continue studying the book of Isaiah)
- **Volunteer Worship Schedule** – Jeanine will contact volunteers on a weekly basis during this time.

Church Office

The church office is now open. Please use precautions and remember to use social distancing when possible. Hours are flexible at this time. If you have questions or concerns call Pam @ 361-275-5272.

Annual Conference Postponed

Bishop Robert Schnase has announced that the Annual Session of the Rio Texas Conference scheduled for June 10-13 in Corpus Christi has been postponed. You may go to the Conference website for updates on the ongoing business of the conference.

Additionally, the General Conference of the UMC scheduled to meet in Nashville this year, has been moved to 2021. Additional information is also available on the conference website:

www.riotexas.org.

¹³ Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:13-14



Prayer list

Annabelle Gomez	Becky Garcia	Becky Trusty	Bobbie Stiles
Carlito Monlina	Charlann Bresk & family	Diana Weise	Erin Mills
Faye Westley	Graylin Rusk	John C. Garcia	Kristian Johnson
Mark Henneke	Martin Eldridge III	Martin Eldridge IV	Mary Wood
Nathan Gonzales	Pastor Ron Welborn	Paula Cromer	Roy Lester Henderson
Ryan Hartman	Shirley King	T.M. Cox Jr.	Thomas Williams
Trey Lee	Jennifer Poncik		

Ministries

Nursing Home Ministry	Imagine No Malaria	UN Alaska UMC	Coaches Outreach
KAIROS-Stevenson Unit	Boys & Girls Club	Children Ministry	Russian Initiative
Bibles for People	CAMAL Center	Prayer Bears	Music Ministry
United Campus Ministry	L.I.F.F.T. – Goodies for Children	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	Connect – Young Adult Ministry

Military

Jon Cardenas	Ethan Etlinger	Katheryn Freeman	Justin Hartley
Michael Jimenez	Sam Hudson	Cody J. Landrum	Hunter Lemke
Mark Nix	Nicholas Prince	Emma Stanfield	Jeff Zengerle
Travis Zavesky	Taylor & Elizabeth Pierce	Beck Sabrina	

Nursing Home Residents

Jean Blaylock	Louise “Ella” Buchhorn	Margie Reed	Lamar Lessor
Julia Hudson	Bobbie Stiles		

*If changes or additions need to be made to the lists above,
Please contact the church office at (361-275-5272).*

June Birthdays



Heather Dukes	1 st
Bradley Drehr	2 nd
Zane Lemke	4 th
John Eldridge	6 th
Walker Taylor Pickett	12 th
John Dukes	13 th
Margie Frazier	23 rd
Wanda Ritchea	30 th



R.A. & Becky Van Wormer	5 th
Wayne & Sonya Wolf	13 th
Ethan & Katie Etlinger	22 nd
Robert & Colette Barth	25 th
Steven & Charlotte Wolf	29 th



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