



Cuero First United Methodist Church

Mainsail



August

2020

Today I was listening to music while I was working and a song by Devin Dawson came up. Even though this is a love song that someone would sing to their significant partner, I think it is also what God wants us each to know. Especially during this time of uncertainty and anxiety. The title of the song is “All On Me”.

The world is in a precarious position. If you are like me you are probably just trying to make it one day at a time. There are days when all you want to do is yell and scream. Then there may be other days when you want to just curl up in bed and pull the covers up over your head. And still other days when you want to cry because you just don't understand what is happening. When we feel this way we feel alone and abandoned. Then to make the rollercoaster even more confusing there are days when we feel that everything is fine and that the world is just where it needs to be. And it is possible that you may go through these feeling all in the same day!

But the good news is that God wants us to put everything on him. He is ready to take on the good, the bad and the ugly and replace it with a peace that can only be gained through trusting in his grace and salvation.

Possibly the reason that we hesitate to lean into God is that we don't feel like we are worthy of such love and grace. We don't think that it is proper to be angry with God. We don't think that we should bother God. And maybe just maybe there is a little bit of doubt that God is really going to be there for us. I know that none of us would admit that last one publicly. But until we are at least honest with ourselves, we will never be able to have the deep meaningful relationship with the Heavenly Father that he wants us to have.

You see what we have to be willing to say to ourselves is that we know that we are sinners that are loved in spite of who we are. We have to be willing to give ourselves a break and lean into the arms of a God who loves us as we are. A God who meets us wherever we are on our journey of faith. Whether we are a long way down the road or just starting the trip. We have to have faith to be able to put it all on Him. And that faith is sometimes hard to find in a world that is continually telling us to be independent and do it all on our own.

We were created for community and interdependence. We need one another. And most especially we need the one who created us. We have to allow the Almighty to get inside of us. We have to become vulnerable and let God see exactly who we are. We have to let down our guard and allow his magnificent love and mercy and grace to take over our being so that we can be transformed.

I believe that this is what the world is searching for. Someone who can take the worries and concerns and stress that we have and take it all. And then in return give us a peace that can only be found in the one who made each one of us in his own image. God has made us to live in peace and when we hold on to those things that destroy that peace we are in effect moving further from Him. So as the song says:

“You got his number, you can call on him.
If you're in trouble, put the fall on him.
When you're mad, you can take it out on him
When it don't add up, you can count on him

When you're low, come and get high on him
When it gets heavy, put the weight on him
Put it all on him,
Put it all on him.

May you find your burden lighten and a peace that only God can give.

Pastor Jackie

Leadership Council

On Monday, August 10th there will be a Zoom meeting at 6:30pm.



Church Office



The office will maintain most daily duties.
Call for appointments or meetings.

Face Masks Required.

Check the website for important updates.

Website: www.cuerofumc.org

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Blessing of the Backpacks, Students, Teachers, and the School Year.

On Sunday, August 16
Online Worship Service

Blessing
of the
Backpacks



Church Services

Because of the continuing dramatic rise in cases in both DeWitt County and the entire state of Texas, the Leadership Council of the church has made the difficult decision to suspend in-person worship and all functions here at church until further notice. This decision was not made lightly. We understand the sadness that this brings to you as a committed body of Christ. However we must weigh the safety of the congregation as well as the safety of the community and state at large. As Christians we must consider not only what is best for us but what is best for our neighbor as well.



Holy Communion Online

*We may not be in the same place
but we are still the body of Christ
sharing in the Holy Meal.*

On July 26th we shared communion together.
You can share the communion liturgy video on
our YouTube channel.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCej19h0LC2ltOerV56cxYVQ>





Outdoor Brochure Holder


If you need an Upper Room, or a Newsletter you can come by anytime and pick one up. The new brochure holder is located just outside the church office by the planter box.

Wearing a Face Mask

The CDC still recommends wearing face masks when you are out in public and social distancing guidelines aren't easy to maintain.

One local health official says wearing a face mask is as simple as **being a good neighbor**.

"That face covering is really the barrier between my respiratory droplets getting on to you and infecting you with the virus and vice versa," Berrien County Health Department's Gillian Conrad said. **"So it's really important that everyone is following the directives and recommendations to wear face coverings when you're out in public when maintaining that 6 foot distance from people is difficult to achieve so that we can continue to protect one another. It's less about protecting me from you and more about protecting you from me. It is a way so we can show respect and love towards one another by making sure that we're keeping our entire community safe including those who are at highest risk for severe illness with this virus."**



United Methodist Women
 Next meeting to be Determined.

L.I.F.F.T. News
 Next meeting to be determined.

Sunday School
 Sunday School is scheduled to begin in September!



August Worship Volunteer

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Children's Sermon
8/2/2020	Online		
8/9/2020	Online		
8/16/2020	Online		
8/23/2020	Online		
8/30/2020	Online		



August



Becca Barth	11 th
Sharon DeBerry	18 th
Steven Wolf	20 th
Ardith Simpson	23 rd
Lisa Hafercamp	23 rd
Charlotte Wolf	27 th
Tom Cheatham	27 th
Sue Halbert	27 th
Dee Henneke	28 th
Clifton Langton	30 th

Randy & Rose Mary Burk	4 th
Reed & Beverly Wagner	18 th
Darrel & Elaine Foster	26 th
Tom & Emily Cheatham	27 th



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