



Cuero First United Methodist Church

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July 2020

My name is Jackie Freeman and I am your new pastor. I had hoped to be able to meet in person but that is not possible at this time. I am a native Texan and was born and raised in Levelland, Texas. I went to college at South Plains College and earned an Associate Degree. I attended Texas Tech University and earned my Bachelors Degree and Masters Degree. I also received a second Masters Degree from Walden University. I graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in May, 2020 with my Masters of Divinity degree.

I retired from teaching after 29 years to attend seminary. I lost my husband of ten years in 2017 very suddenly. I was married when I lived in Lubbock, Texas and divorced after 2 1/2 years of marriage. I am the only girl and have four brothers; three older and one younger. My younger brother and mother live in San Antonio, Texas. My father suffered a stroke and died in 1999 just after I moved to San Antonio. Last year (2019) I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had surgery in August of 2019 and went through radiation treatment. I was fortunate that the tumor was caught early. And in June my first mammogram since the diagnosis was clear.

I am telling you all this because I want you to understand that I have had my fair share of hard times and struggles. As pastors we sometimes seem immune to the devastation and difficulties of life. But I want you to know that when you are struggling, I am here for you. I may not know exactly what you are going through but I do know that it is significant and that you need to be able to turn to your pastor for help and guidance or maybe just a listening ear.

I am excited to be here among you. I am hoping to do several things with the church to help all of us in our journey with God. I would like to begin some bible studies possibly using Zoom so that we can still be in relationship during the pandemic. I would also like to do some studies on some of the issues that are facing our world including racism, immigration, and other topics that are in the news. These are not political studies. These will be opportunities to look and see what the Bible says about some of these issues and discuss how we as a church need to respond to them. These will be opportunities for us to grow as Christians.

I'm hoping to do a scriptural sermon series in the fall and possibly one for the rest of the summer that looks at movies and where we see God in them. We are all spending more time at home and watching movies and this will give us an opportunity to think about where we see the Almighty in our every day life.

As Christians we struggle everyday with what does God want me to do. In my sermon on Sunday I talked about hope. I talked about the need to find hope in whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves. And that is not an easy task. The world we live in today is flooded with negativity and individuals that want us to take the easy way out of situations and do what is good for us rather than think about what is best for the world that God has put us in charge of. I struggle everyday with doing what is right rather than what is easy. But as Christians we are called to do what is right. And the church is the place where we receive help in that daily task. I know that right now that seems impossible, but I hope that we will be able to implement some programming that will allow us to meet virtually and talk and discuss and pray with one another in the very near future.

I am filled with hope for Cuero FUMC and the future that we will be able to move into. Things will be different than they were when the year started. We are living in different times. But the goal and message of Jesus Christ is still the same. We are to love our neighbor. And to right injustice and oppression in the world. We are called to be disciple and bring about the kin-dom of God here on Earth. May God be with us as we navigate the new normal and go about together doing the work of His church. Peace be with you as you journey in God's name.

Pastor Jackie



Parsonage Planter Boxes

Boy Scout Troop 245, led by Senior Patrol Leader Sheldon Wolf, constructed multiple planters and trellises for the FUMC parsonage, in order to complete his Eagle Scout Project and to contribute to his local community. Sheldon is thankful for this opportunity to serve his church family.



Church Office is

**TEMPORARILY
CLOSED**

IN ORDER TO PREVENT SPREAD
OF THE COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

The office will maintain most daily duties.
Check the website for important updates.

Website: www.cuerofumc.org

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YouTube: First United Methodist Church Cuero

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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.



JOURNEY OF Faith



*Blessings to Pastor Ron &
Darlene as they enjoy his retirement.*

Happy 4th of July



United Methodist Women

The UMW will not meet during the month of July.

L.I.F.F.T. News

Next meeting to be determined.



Covid -19

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations like COVID-19. You may feel anxious, mad, sad, or overwhelmed. Find ways you and your family can reduce stress and to stay safe.

- Learn the common signs of stress.
- Make time to unwind and do activities you enjoy.
- Talk with family and friends by phone, text, or email.
- Stay home if you don't feel well
- Wash your hands often
- Wear a facemask
- Stay 6 feet away from people
- Cover your coughs & sneezes

Sunday School

Sunday School will begin in September!



July Worship Volunteer

Date	Liturgist	Ushers	Children's Sermon
7/5/2020	Online		
7/12/2020	Online		
7/19/2020	Online		
7/26/2020	Online		



July



Linda Sager	6 th
Hailey Thurman	17 th
Tommy Frazier	19 th
Jeff Hudson	21 st
Hunter Lemke	26 th
Jeremy Lemke	27 th
Sandy Dukes	30 th

Levi & Layton Jones	20 th
Bob & Mary Wood	23 rd
John & Emily Davis	27 th



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