

“For the Love of Neighbor”

The first preaching series after celebrating the birth of Christ is entitled Follow Me. I think that it is a good reminder for us as Christians. Too often we get stuck in the celebrations of discipleship and forget about the work of being a follower of Christ.

This year at First United Methodist Church of Cuero we are going to have the theme of “For the Love of Neighbor.” Christ in the gospel of Matthew tells us that loving God and loving neighbor are the two most important commandments. And for us to love someone we really have to move beyond just knowing their names. We need to understand and learn about who they are and what their life is like. So we are going to engage in as many different ways of learning about our neighbor as we can. We are going to watch films about our neighbor and read and study about our neighbors. Hopefully we will be able to have speakers come and give us insight into our neighbors. And most importantly we are going to engage in listening to the stories of our neighbor.

Stories are the best way to find out about who we all are. Hopefully as we listen to stories, we will find out that we have so much more in common with one another and that will help us take the steps toward one another and loving our neighbor.

Now none of this will be easy. Some of our neighbors are prickly. And others are just down right hard to love. But the one who’s birth we celebrate is calling us to follow him. And to follow him means being like him in all respects. Christ loved those that the world deemed unlovable. Christ didn’t let people live on the margins of society. Christ got in the thick of things and listened and loved. And 2021 is going to be our year to begin the process of being more like Christ.

There will be days that we will take steps back. But I am trusting in the grace and love of God Almighty that there will be more days of stepping forward and bringing our neighbors from the shadows and into our family.

Loving God and our neighbor is what we have been called to do. This is not easy or quick work. And it will require all of us to participate. But the benefits not only to the church but the world will be tremendous.

As we begin a new year, let us set our heart and mind and soul to learning about those who are our neighbors.

*Christ’s Peace,
Pastor Jackie*

POINSETTIAS



The beautiful poinsettia flowers that have graced our sanctuary throughout the Advent and Christmas seasons were given in honor and memory of the following people:

In Memory of Wanda Reuss

In Memory of Ruth Reuss

Joe Reuss

In Memory of Allen Clint

In Memory of A.J. Daigle

Monica Clint & Mark Daigle

In Memory of Mr. Blair James

In Memory of Mrs. Carey James

Gail James

In Memory of O'Connor Family

In Memory of Tony Castro

Earl O'Connor

In Memory of Omie & PawPaw

In Memory of Grandpa Mitch

In Memory of Grandma Mary

Rev. Wanda Ritchea

Sarah Ritchea

In Memory of Bobbie Stiles

In Memory of Jenny Ozment

Rev. Wanda Ritchea

In Memory of Our Parents

Wayne & Sonja Wolf

In Honor of the Birth of Jesus

In Memory of Harry Henneke

Dee Henneke

In Memory Marianne Martin

In Honor of Pam Zengerle

In Honor of Jeanine Calliham

Mildred & Stayton Weldon

In Memory of Kenya Griffin

In Honor of Dorothy Griffin

In Honor of Brian Griffin

Rev. Jackie Freeman

In Honor of Our Children & Grandchildren

In Honor of Jeanine Calliham

In Honor of Sue Halbert

In Honor of the Anniversary of

Ray & Linda Sager

Tom & Emily Cheatman

In Honor of My Family

In Honor of the Workers who keep the

Church Property in Good Repair

In Honor of The Glory of God

Jeanine Calliham

In Memory of Morgan Causey

In Honor of Our Parents

In Honor of Our Children & Grandson

Charla & Bobby Jones

In Memory of Don Cook

In Memory of Chuck Wilson

Sue Halbert

Jan Wilson



**United Methodist Women
Meeting January 18
@ 6:30pm Fellowship Hall**



Emily Cheatham
UMW President

January Schedule
Worship Leaders



Date	Liturgist
1-3-2021	Pastor Jackie
1-10-2021	Bob Wood
1-17-2021	Tom Cheatham
1-24-2021	Mildred Weldon
1-31-2021	Bobby Jones

**Church Office
Closed
Monday,
January 18**

The Rev. Martin Luther
King Jr's
Birthday Observance



L. I. F. F. T. NEWS

Ladies In Faith & Fellowship Together

There will not be a meeting in
January.



Jeanine Calliham
LIFFT President

Group Studies

The church will be offering several opportunities for not only small group studies but an opportunity to learn about our neighbors and who they are.

- We will be offering a bible study on First Corinthians beginning on January 21st and continuing on Thursdays for seven weeks (the dates will be listed below). The class will be in-person in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:30 PM. Books will be given out at the first meeting. Meeting dates: January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4.
- We will be offering a study on Methodism written by Adam Hamilton entitled "Revival: Faith as Wesley Lived It." This is a six week study that will be held on Wednesday evenings in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:30 PM starting on January 20th. Meeting dates: January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3. We will not meet on Ash Wednesday.
- Beginning February 7th we will be offering Movie Nights on Sunday evenings. These will take place in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:00 PM. We will watch a movie and then have a brief discussion after the screening to talk about the implications of the movie and how they impact us as Christians and as members of the community. These will be open to the community at large.

Dates

February 7	Ruby Bridges
February 21	Emmanuel
February 28	Hidden Figures
March 7	MacFarland USA
March 14	Real Women Have Curves
March 21	Take the Lead
April 11	42
April 18	Selma
April 25	Harriet
May 2	The Tuskegee Airmen
May 16	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
May 23	Green Book



Revival:
Faith as Wesley
Lived It

a time to grow.

All in-person meetings will follow CDC guidelines until further notice. We will practice social distancing and masks will be required in the sanctuary & fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church for information.

- Sacred Spaces will resume on Tuesday January 12 and will continue every other Tuesday until the end of May. The dates are: Jan 12, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23, April 6, 20, May 4, 18. These will premiere on the FUMC YouTube Channel at 7:00 PM.

 Birthdays

B.J. Drehr	7 th
Jackie Drehr	7 th
Sean Wolf	8 th
Stayton Weldon	12 th
Tori Jacoby	13 th
Betty Farris	15 th
Rose Mary Burk	17 th
Rowdy Haferkamp	18 th
Beverly Wagner	21 st
Katie Etlinger	28 th
Rachelle Lemke	29 th

 Anniversaries

Bobby & Charla Jones	6 th
Kayla & Logan Pickett	16 th

C.A.M.A.L. House
Collection for January:
Peanut Butter

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