



# Mainsail Newsletter

## First United Methodist Church

**MAY 2025**

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*John James Britsch*

*October 17, 1945 – April 2, 2025*

John James Britsch of Shiner, passed away peacefully of natural causes on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 in Shiner. John lived a faith-filled life, in servanthood and devotion to God and his family.

He is known for saying “Do something you love and it won’t be a job”.

John retired from full-time teaching and coaching in May of 1999 after being part of two University Interscholastic League State Championships in football and baseball in Shiner and teaching English, Journalism, Reading, and Speech.

In 1991, he became a Certified Lay Speaker for the United Methodist Church and then in 2002 he became a Local Licensed Pastor in the UMC.

John was Pastor for Cuero FUMC  
July 2021 – December 2022

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife Betty, two daughters, four grandchildren, and his family.

A community memorial church service and celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at the First United Methodist Church in Shiner, with a reception following at the Methodist Church Activity Center 102 W Church St., Shiner.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Shiner FUMC Food Pantry and Guatemala Missions at their church office, by mail or online at [www.shinerfumc.org](http://www.shinerfumc.org). Mailing address: FUMC Shiner 102 W Church St., Shiner, TX 77984.

Friends may leave their condolences to the family by visiting [www.shinerfuneralhome.com](http://www.shinerfuneralhome.com).

Services are under the care and direction of Shiner Funeral Home.



***Leadership Council  
Meeting***  
**May 12, 2025 @6:30pm**  
Fellowship Hall

***United Women of Faith***  
May 18, 2025 @11:30am  
Meal & Meeting  
All are Welcome

**Bible Study & Coffee**  
With Pastor Lindsey  
Wednesdays @ 10:00am  
Doodles Room



## **Easy Does It Exercise**

Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
9:00am in Wesley Nurse Room

## ***Church Office Closed***



May 26, 2025  
THANK YOU! *Memorial Day*

**"We Will Remember Them"**



***"Feed My Sheep"***

*John 21:17*

## **C.A.M.AL. House Community Fan Drive**



Donate at the  
Church Office or  
Church narthex

## **CAMAL House Food Pantry**

Non-Perishable Food  
Donations Needed.  
Please leave in the cart in the  
narthex of the church.

Decoration Day  
***Rabke United Methodist Church***



***May 4, 2025***

***12:00pm - Picnic Lunch***

(Bring your own picnic basket  
and a blanket or chairs)

***2:00pm - Worship Service***

**V**acation **B**ible **S**chool

**June 23 -27**

It is not too early to be thinking  
about VBS, it will be here before  
you know it. **Contact Charla Jones  
for more information.**

H A P P Y



May 11

**Breakfast BINGO**

May 12 @9:30am

FUMC Fellowship Hall

***NO BINGO during the summer  
months of June, July & August!***

**Presentation**

Sunday, April 27

Worship 10:30am



On Sunday morning, Lee Ann Linam & husband, Gordon shared a wonderful presentation about some of the work in Zimbabwe and some of the lives that have been touched there. They also work on wildlife conservation projects in Zimbabwe during their annual trips. They are on the board of a nonprofit organization called: Noah's FARM ([www.noahsfarm.org](http://www.noahsfarm.org)).

Noah's FARM works in Zimbabwe, Africa, through the Church of the Nazarene to:



**Feed the Hungry  
Advocate for  
Education  
Reach the Lost  
Mentor Livelihoods**

Lee Ann Linam is the daughter of our member, Euner Johnson.

# PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Brandon Caldwell	Emily Cheatham	Euner Johnson
Teresa Evens	Brian Vandell	Elizabeth Reid
Sundra Reyes	Tina Heiser & Candy	Roger Junker
Ralph Thompson	Wayne Wolf	Roy Goldman
Ron & Shelly	Lisa Langton	Angelia Howard
Grayson	Bob Barth	Bubba Salles
Joe Hoskey	Ezra Salinas	Dorothy Dupnik
Joy Pearson	Amanda Lynn	Samuel & Melinda Johnson
Kevin Collins	Joe Kemmers Family	Pam Zengerle
Katrina Harper	John Lira	Pastor Lindsey
Linda Thamm	Sonya Brown	Ron Butler
Jeremy Higden	Pastor Lindsey's Mother	Sarah & Earl O'Connor
Wanda Ritchea	Pastor John Britsch Family	



DeVonna Eldridge	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Leah Barth	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Desalyn Eldridge	13 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Barth	26 <sup>th</sup>
Levi Jones	31 <sup>st</sup>



David & Betty Farris	10 <sup>th</sup>
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## May Worship Leaders



<b>Date</b>	<b>Liturgist</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
5-4-2025	Tom Cheatham	Judy Adams & Elaine Foster
5-11-2025	Sarah O'Connor	Sue Halbert & Dorothy Brown
5-18-2025	Earl O'Connor	Charla & Bobby Jones
5-25-2025	Colette Barth	Mildred & Stayton Weldon