



Mainsail Newsletter

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I have always loved the stars. When I read about the twin meteor showers this week, I knew that I would be staying up late to see the show. I sat on the driveway of the parsonage, looked south and waited and waited. One meteor. Thinking this has to get better, I got in my car and drove out to Rabke UMC. Getting away from the light pollution in town made a tremendous difference. The stars were so much brighter and much more plentiful in the almost complete darkness of a country road. One meteor. Sitting in my lawn chair just off the road I was disappointed to say the least but then it occurred to me, I was seeing stars I had not seen in a long, long time. I could actually make out the Milky Way, our own galaxy. I located Polaris, the North Star. The star that does not rotate in the sky, but stays still at the Celestial North Pole. I enjoyed the wonders of creation and the stars. The words of Psalm 8 echoed in my heart. A stillness overcame me.

Before this summer season ends, find your place and your peace with God.

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Lindsey Smith Jr



August 10th Blessing of the Backpacks!

We will be blessing backpacks and teachers' bags before the school year begins. Bring your bag to worship on **August 10th** to participate.



**Cuero ISD starts on
August 13th**

Bible Study & Coffee

With Pastor Lindsey
Wednesdays @ 10:00am
Doodles Room

United Women of Faith



**NO August
Meeting**

Next Meeting
September 14

Hymn Sing & Pot-Luck

August 31

Worship 10:30am

Pot-Luck 11:30am

All are welcome!



**Leadership Council
Meeting**

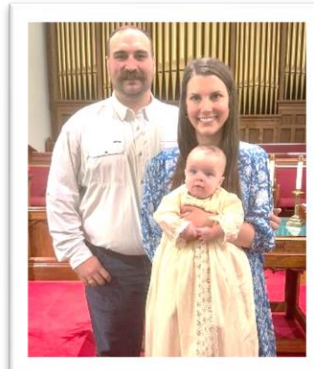
August 11, 2025 @6:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Easy Does It Exercise

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

"We are overjoyed to announce the baptism of Wes Allen Jones, the child of Layton Rose Jones and Levi Allen Jones, on July 20th at Cuero First United Methodist Church. Thank you for the prayers and support as we celebrated this special occasion."



The Donkey in the Well

One day a farmer's donkey fell down into a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do. Finally, he decided the animal was old, and the well needed to be covered up anyway-it just was not worth it to retrieve the donkey.

He invited all of his neighbors to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realized what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quieted down.

A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well. He was astonished at what he saw. With each shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up.

As the farmer's neighbors continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and happily trotted off!



Moral of the Story

Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt. The trick to getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping-stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up!

Shake it off, and take a step up.

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



Donate at the
Church Office

CAMAL House Food Pantry

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

C.A.M.AL. House

August 14

9am - Senior Hour

2pm - Distribution

August 28

9am - Distribution

NO Breakfast BINGO

During the summer
months of June, July &
August!

PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!



Ron & Shelly	Emily Cheatham	Euner Johnson
Wayne Wolf	Lisa Langton	Bob Barth
Wanda Ritchea	Pastor Lindsey	Pastor Lindsey's Mother
Linda Thamm	Sarah & Earl O'Connor	Pam Zengerle
Mildred Weldon	Richard Van Wormer	Carol Rau
Rainey & her son TJ	Pam Burgess Family	



Becca Barth	Aug. 11 th	Darrel & Elaine Foster	Aug. 26 th
Tom Cheatham	Aug. 27 th	Tom & Emily Cheatham	Aug. 27 th
Sue Halbert	Aug. 27 th		

July Worship Leaders



Date	Liturgist	Ushers
8-3	Tom Cheatham	Judy Adams & Elaine Foster
8-10	Sarah O'Connor	Sue Halbert & Dorothy Brown
8-17	Earl O'Connor	Charla & Bobby Jones
8-24	Colette Barth	Mildred & Stayton Weldon
8-31	Hymn Sing & Potluck	

