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Stop the Madness of Gun Violence

Living Faith.

Seeking Justice.

Pursuing Peace.

Every day in the U.S. nearly 350 people still are shot, and almost 100 die in gun violence (34 from murder, 59 by suicide). That adds up to over 124,750 people shot and 35,000 killed by gunshot in the U.S. every year. Those numbers should be unacceptable to all.

As Christians we are called by scripture to transform a society marked by violence into one of peace. Make it clear to your elected officials that they must act NOW to pass more stringent legislation on firearm sales, background checks, and waiting periods.

Currently, 22% of all guns sold in the U.S. are purchased through unlicensed and private sellers without a background check. These bills would close that loophole, which currently allows people who are ill-advised or barred from buying and owning guns to go around the national background check system.

“They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.” - Micah 4:3

See you on Sunday,

Rev. Lindsey Smith Jr

*Reception for
Sanesa Howard*

September 7
11:30am
Fellowship Hall

Bible Study & Coffee

With Pastor Lindsey
Wednesdays @ 10:00am
Doodles Room

United Women of Faith

Meeting & Meal

September 14

11:30am



Hi everyone!

I just wanted to inform you that I will be having surgery on October 2 in Houston. My recovery time is about 4 weeks. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Pam



"Do not fear, for I am with you;
do not be dismayed, for I am your
God; I will strengthen you, I will
help you, I will uphold you with
my righteous right hand"

Isaiah 41:10



***Leadership Council
Meeting***

September 8th @6:30pm

Doodles Room

Easy Does It Exercise

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

Breakfast BINGO

September 8
9:30am
Fellowship Hall



Evangelism



Operation Christmas Child

The shoe box ministry is right around the corner. This is a great time to stock up on school supplies because they are on sale. Also there are many summer items including flip flops that are on sale.

These boxes are filled with toys, art and school supplies, personal hygiene items, but primarily love. We get to show love to others because of God's love for each of us. This may be the only way some of these children ever hear about God and his amazing love. Jesus told us to put our light in a place that can shine into a dark world, not to hide it but to share it. A candle is small compared to darkness, but it still makes a big difference. A shoe box filled with toys and love, especially the love of Christ, seems like a small thing compared to the darkness in the world, but it makes a huge difference in the hands and lives of a child.

More information will be coming, but it's never too early to start planning and buying..

Donation Box is in the Narthex

IMPORTANT DATES:

- *Oct 26 – T-shirt Bag Making Party after Sunday Worship
- *Oct 31 – Trunk ‘R Treat 6:00pm – 8:00pm (set-up @5:30pm)
- *Nov 9 – Shoe Box Packing Party - after church including light lunch
- *Nov 16 – Shoe Box blessing during service

Colette Barth

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	Tony Allen Family
David Keeton Family	Billie Jo Wagner Family	Emily Davis Family



Earl O'Connor	9/10
Lisa Langton	9/17
Monica Clint	9/18
Jarius Eldridge	9/20
Bobby Barth	9/27

CAMAL House Food Pantry

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

September Worship



Date	Liturgist	Ushers
Sept. 7	Tom Cheatham	Sue Halbert & Dorothy Brown
Sept. 14	Sarah O'Connor	Judy Adams & Elaine Foster
Sept. 21	Earl O'Connor	Charla & Bobby Jones
Sept. 28	Colette Barth	Mildred & Stayton Weldon