

ADVANCE NEWSLETTER

May 1, 2022



Some of you are aware of events that sped up the timetable of decisions of whether to stay in the UMC or to disaffiliate... here is some information I feel you need to be aware of.

On March 8th, it was announced that the Council of Bishops was seeking a declaratory statement from the Judicial Council (like the UMC Supreme Court) regarding whether an Annual Conference can leave the Denomination.

(<https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/bishops-seek-ruling-on-whether-an-annual-conference-can-leave-umc-16387925>)

The Judicial Council's statement is expected in the next two weeks or so.

The NWTX Conference has scheduled Annual Conference information sessions throughout the area of the Conference leading up to our Annual Conference meeting in Lubbock on June 16–17th. The information session will be held to explain the statement of the Judicial Council (who has hopefully made their statement before the first of our sessions). We will hold an information session here at FUMC Vernon on May 21st from 10:00am–12:00pm.

The Abilene District pastors met on Tuesday, April 26th, and were given a brief overview of what the Conference anticipates happening this summer and into next year. The Conference Trustees have come up with two plans to help churches and the Conference move forward. On the Conference website there is a tab in the upper right-hand corner labeled "Transition Pathways" (<https://www.nwtxconf.org/transition>). Under this tab is information to help clergy and congregations decide to stay with the UMC, to leave for the GMC, to leave for another denomination, or to become an independent church. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me and I will give you the best information that I can.

Blessings,
Pastor Anthony



Vacation Bible School will be held Sunday, June 19, through Wednesday, June 22, 6pm-8pm. VBS will be for kids five years old through twelve years old.

**FIFTH SUNDAY MEAL**

We will have a pot luck meal on Sunday, May 29.

The contemporary service will be held at 9am; Sunday School will meet at 10am; and the traditional service will meet at 11am. The meal will be held immediately following the 11am service.

Chicken will be provided by the church. Please bring a side dish or two to share.

APRIL MEMORIALS

In Memory of ELSIE ASHBY, TOMMY HUGHES, MARIA TOLENTINO, DIANE TATE, STANLEY WILLIAMS, JACKIE MCGEE, ELIZABETH GUGGISBERG, TONY YOAKUM

George and Judy Pattison

In Memory of ROBERTA REED

George and Judy Pattison, Claudette Owen (to handbells), Kay Belew, Jim and Mary Sue Gunn

In Memory of TOM NELSON

George and Judy Pattison, Kay Belew

In Memory of TOMMY HUGHES

Claudette Owen (to handbells)

In Memory of RANDY LUCUS

Kay Belew

In Memory of JANICE LEATHERWOOD

Paul and Sunny Hawkins, Pat Quisenberry (to Prayers and Squares), Jim and Mary Sue Gunn

In Memory of EDNA MCCLUNG

Susie McClung (to Rainbow Room)



Mission Kitchen:

No one in Vernon should eat alone

May 4: grilled chicken salad

May 11: fajitas

May 18: no Mission Kitchen (parade and rodeo)

May 25: pulled pork sandwiches



Please join us on Sunday, May 9, as we Celebrate Mother's Day!

Dear FUMC Church Members,

Many thanks to my Church family for all of your prayers, cards, help, and food that was given to me before and after my shoulder surgery.

I would especially like to thank the Challenger's Sunday School Class. All of you went above and beyond to help me in my time of need.

I am getting better and sincerely appreciate everything that has been done on my behalf. Thank you for being the hands of Christ.

Love,

Margueritte Gray

GIVE ONLINE

Now you can give contributions online using our easy online payment system.

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Quarterly Financial Update

From: Liz Agan and Jim Gunn

Because of some special gifts from one individual, our income for the first quarter of 2022 exceeds our anticipated amount received for the first quarter of the year, as set in our budget. We are truly blessed and very thankful for the generosity of this individual. However, expenses are also higher than anticipated. Unfortunately, expenses exceed income by \$21,708.00 (year-to-date).

A few weeks back, Pastor Anthony, during worship service, read us a letter from our Bishop, Bishop Nunn. He thanked our congregation for meeting 100% of our Shared Ministries Budget. Pastor Anthony explained that Shared Ministries used to be called "Apportionments". There were several categories and organizations that received a designated of the apportionments. The United Methodist Conference narrowed all of those down to five line items now called Shared Ministries and are as follows:

1. Strategic Priorities
2. Ministry Support
3. District Service and Ministries
4. Other Conference Ministries
5. Beyond Conference Ministries

Our FUMC, Vernon, total amount budgeted this year for Shared Ministries is \$36,351.00. This amount is determined by the Conference and is based upon a formula that uses a report we send in annually to the Conference. To try to explain in detail how the Conference arrives at this amount would take more words than we can get into our limited space.

If at any time you have questions about any part of our budget, please visit with Liz or Jim.

PRAYER CONCERNS

.....FAMILY OF CATHIE (CONKLING) BRISTO

.....FAMILY OF TED WILLIAMS

.....FAMILY OF JANICE LEATHERWOOD

.....FAMILY OF ROBERTA REED

.....HOWARD QUIETT, PRAYLEE PATTERSON, BRYNLEE DISBROW, RANDY AGAN, NORA PARMER, ROXIE AGAN, KARL HERZOG, MICHAEL PEGGRAM, MARGUERITTE GRAY (shoulder surgery), TOM BROWN, DANIEL PORTER, JOYCE LITTLEFIELD, AMY MURRAY FERRARA, BILLIE TALBOT (BILLY'S MOTHER), ROY WOODARD, CAMERON DICKERSON, KEION DICKERSON, JUNE WRIGHT (Marcie Kendrick's mom), JOE BOB GRAY, BILLY TALBOT, JACK TOW (Teresa Whitehead's cousin), AUSTIN WEAVER (the Talbot's grand-son), RICKY TAYLOR, JAN WORRALL, CHRISTINA EDMONDS, JAMES LACY, BARBARA MEADOR, BOBBY COOPER, TELITHA ROBL AND FAMILY (Tina Borchardt's sister), STANTON AND TREVA TUCKER, WELLS MIDDLETON, BRENDA CHAPMAN, CARA AGAN, MISSY STONE, MICHELLE HUGHES, BETTY WILSON REXROAD, TROY SMITH, SHIRLEY AGAN, AUDEN BUTLER, FISK FAMILY, DON PEGGRAM, PAT SHEPARD, KASEY YOUNG, JOELEE ASHLEY

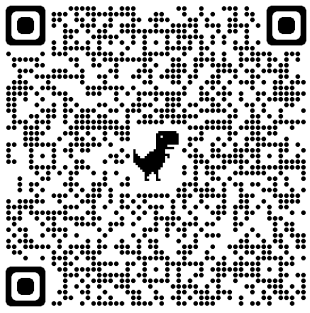
CONTINUED PRAYER

.....ELECTED OFFICIALS, EMT, FIREMEN, POLICE OFFICERS, DPS TROOPERS, ALL TEACHERS AND SCHOOLS

MILITARY PERSONNEL

.....J.B. ANDERSON, KAGEN PARKS, ZAKARY CAYLOR WRIGHT, DAYLON O'CONNER WRIGHT, CALEB CAMPOS, NATHAN MINTS, HECTOR REYNA, JAKE CAUDELL, SCOTT AND TRISTAN SLATER, CHARLIE WATSON, LYLE RAINWATER, CHANCE HARLING, DEVIN BEATTY, LANCE MACON, DAVID JOHANSEN, DEREK BATES, DANIEL SYMONDS, SEAN BELL, ROBERT WHITEHEAD, CASEY WHORTON, TRAVIS POWELL, BROOKE MARTIN, CALEB INMAN

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service	2	3 10am-Methodist Women (Parlor) 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	4 9am-Salvation Army office open After school-4th and 5th grade activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (grilled chicken salad) 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	5 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Hand-bells 6pm-First Praise practice	6	7
8 Mother's Day 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service	9	10 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	11 9am-Salvation Army office open After school-4th and 5th grade activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (fajitas) 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	12 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Hand-bells 6pm-First Praise practice		
15 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service	16 Noon-Salvation Army (Parlor) 6m-Worship Committee (Library)	17 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	18 9am-Salvation Army office open 4pm-Parade	19 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Hand-bells 6pm-First Praise practice		
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22 Senior Recognition Sunday 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service 3pm-Baccalaureate (Sanctuary)	23	24 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 6pm-Vernon High School Scholarship Banquet (VHS cafeteria)	25 After school-4th and 5th grade activities 6pm-Mission Kitchen (pulled pork sandwiches) 7pm-Chancel Choir practice	26 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor) 5:15pm-Jubilate! Hand-bells 6pm-First Praise practice	27	28 10am-Vernon High School graduation
29 9am-Contemporary service 10am-Sunday School 11am-Traditional service Noon-Meal (Wesley Hall) 6pm-Leadership Team (Parlor)	30 Memorial Day-Church office closed	31 5:15pm-Yoga class (Parlor)	MAY 2022			
						BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH 3 Kloe Hooker 6 Bob Armstrong Clay Bearden 7 Pat Quisenberry 9 Dorothy Boynton 10 Jim Gunn Jacob Kyle Fritze 11 Elsie Helton Sunny Hawkins 13 Luanne Byars 16 Sharon Browning 18 Judy Pattison 21 Claudette Owen 29 Dawn Wilder



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS! SUMMER SWIM PARTIES!

Wednesday, June 8

Wednesday, July 20

Wednesday, August 10

All parties are from 7pm-9pm at Orbison Park Pool.

On Sunday, May 22, we will honor our high school graduates during the 9am service and 11am service. There will be a display set up in the foyer for you to leave a card of encouragement for our grads. Our 2022 graduates are Tana Conner, Blakely Schur, and Ayle Talbot.



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TANA



BLAKELY



EASTER EGG HUNT!