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9:00 Worship Service
10:05 Refreshments
10:15 Sunday School

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

HAPPY NEW YEAR ! NOW LETS GO !

As we begin 2019 and start making our plans and goals, it is always good to look back and evaluate the past year. And a very good year it was. We are continuing to expand our programs and our church added 15 new members. Our new programs included expanding our outreach to Kairos Ministries which is an amazing prison ministry. Scott Miller is our Kairos liaison and has helped our congregation become much more actively involved in supporting this important prison ministry. We also had our first Back to School Bash which brought well over 100 visitors to our church. And we are ending the year with Art Walton our resident photographer taking family portraits for our new 2019 Church Pictorial Directory. And by the way Art also planned and directed our Community Choir production of "Good News From Home" this years Community Cantata, not to mention becoming Executive Director of WPOA.

But we are not going to live on our past laurels, instead we are looking ahead to what appears to be an exciting new year ahead of us. Already our new Church Directory is in the works. We are also expanding our Prayer Ministry. Jan Smith has agreed to be our new Prayer Coordinator, and we have already outlined plans for new prayer ministry. Our new pew cushions are also already underway. And we have some new potential members interested in joining after the first of the year. And that's just the beginning; each of our committees will be doing special planning in January; and our District Superintendent Alicia Besser will join us in February for a visioning and goal setting event.

Now as we look forward to 2019, its time to organize our efforts and make plans for the ministry God has in store for us. January and February are traditionally our months of planning, so here is the tentative schedule for the planning process:

- Jan. 14-17 Pastor meets with Committee Chairs
- Jan. 21-24 Committees meet for Calendar Planning
- Jan. 27 District Leadership Training
- Jan. 28 Long Range Planning Meeting
- Feb. 17 Church-wide visioning with District Superintendent
- Feb. 24 Church-wide Celebration Brunch
- Feb. 26 Church Council Meeting

THANK YOU

Rene' and I would like to say a huge thank you to our church family for your wonderful generosity in the form of our Christmas gift. Your love knows no bounds, and we are overwhelmed by your love and support. Keep up the good work because you love is an inspiration to all those around you, especially those here in our community.

God bless you and thank you,
 Randy & Rene' Carrion

Thank You, Thank You to Family Ministries for providing the wonderfully delicious goodies during the whole month of December. We all had full tummy's during Sunday School, and some of us even skipped lunch! This group has given so much to our church family during the last several years. What a joy you are!

Thank You, Thank You to those responsible for the beautifully decorated Sanctuary this Christmas Season. We are so richly blessed in this church to have people with a vision and who are not afraid to make changes. The Sanctuary has never looked more lovely!

Extra! Extra! Read All About it! Extra! Extra! Read All About it!

PRAYER

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Please notify **Jan Wright**, prayer team coordinator, with any prayer, illness, or hospital concerns. **409-834-2410**



CHURCH FAMILY



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Welcome to our four new committee members: Mary Jo Bales, Sharon Wornick, Sue Fisher, Tim McDonough, and Edith Tutt. Looking forward to working together in 2019.

-- Jan Smith & Trish Schreiber, Co-Chairs

CHURCH FAMILY

- Ranah Becker
- Gerry Blackman
- Randy & Rene Carrion
- Max Clay
- Sandra Gaspard
- Tim & Janie Meredith
- Ollie Murphy
- Rudy & Paula Seiley
- Kirstan Stanley
- Jerry Stewart
- Don Stockton
- David Williams

PRAYER MINISTRY

Our goal is to enhance the spiritual life of our church. Scripture tells us to “pray without ceasing”. Prayer can take on many different forms. We have many ideas for the coming months through Easter, such as a Prayer Walk in March, a Prayer Basket in the entrance of the church for those who would like to participate in picking a name of another to pray for during the month, as well as having yourself prayed for by someone else. During Holy Week (Easter), the church will be open on Holy Wednesday from 7-7 for anyone in the community that would like to come in and have quiet time in prayer. These are just a few of the ideas we are thinking about. I would like to invite volunteers for participating in special prayer events we will have throughout the year. No meetings involved... If you would like to be available as needed, please contact me, Jan Smith, revjt@att.net or (409) 656-1024.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- Kristi Abshire The Hickman’s
- Russell Anglin Dale Hickman
- The Bailey’s Brayden Hicks
- Renea Barber Beverly Jones
- Ritchard Bean Ricky Keltz
- Jennifer Bertrand The LeBlanc’s
- Kolin Burmaster Gary Mannino
- Tommy Clegg George Marsh
- The Clotiaux’s Brady McCoy
- Joann Cooley The Parish Family
- Jim Crowley Kari Pfaff
- Dickinson Family The Post’s
- Wayne Dionne Doug Pullen
- Ruth Fletcher Dan Ramsey
- Melissa Forsythe Eldon Reed
- Julie Franklin Frances SanAngelo
- Nancy Gibson Sheila Seiley
- Marvin Gilbert Lois Sprayberry
- Emmet Greene Ted Tate
- Tom Greene The Welch’s
- Sarah Hall Regina Woodrom
- Dale Wright

OUTREACH

FOODS OF THE MONTH - First Quarter 2019

- January 2-lb bags of Sugar
- February 2-lb bags of Flour
- March Mac & Cheese

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING will be Sunday, February 3, so dust off that favorite soup recipe for your entry into the competition. We’ll be looking for 8-10 (maybe more???) entrants in our annual soup tasting. As usual proceeds are used for the purchase of school supplies for children of both Kountze ISD and Warren ISD. More details will be provided as we get closer to February.

GAME NITE will resume on the third Thursday of each month beginning on January 17. Game-play begins at 6:30 p.m. Bring a snack to share! In February, we’ll get together on Thursday, February 21.

METHODIST MATINEE is planned for the third Saturday of each month at 2 p.m. If there is an appropriate release in the movie theaters, we have a “Road Trip”; otherwise, most movies are shown right here in Fellowship Hall. What’s not to like about staying right here? Looks like a Road Trip in February for a new release. Update to follow.

PEW CUSHIONS

After recarpeting the sanctuary we realized that our pew cushions needed replacing. We are offering our church family the opportunity to purchase pew cushions in honor of or in memory of a loved one. As memorials these cushions are \$200 per pew or \$100 per half pew, or you may simply give any size gift to help us reach our goal. We will put a plaque on our memorial board in your loved ones honor or memory. To have your gift as a memorial or in honor of someone, please fill out a memorial form so that we can have the information we need for the plaque. These gifts will be a reminder of your loved one for may years to come. Thank you for supporting the rich history of our church.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Work continues on the new Church Pictorial Directory. We hope to have all pictures taken by the end of January and have a completed Directory by March. We hope to include everyone.

*“Earth has no sorrow
Heaven cannot heal.”*

MUSIC CORNER

HANDBELLS RINGA-DINGIN"

Our Handbell group has been taking a few weeks off since playing during the worship service on December 9. I was so proud of the group; they always do a wonderful job. Hope all of you appreciate the amount of time that is spent on rehearsals. We began practice on January 8 and hopefully will be ready to play again sometime in mid-February.

As always, it seems we are again looking for one additional player since one of our group has moved. If you can read music and have a desire to see what we do, please call me @ 673-9120, or come to practice on Tuesdays @ 5:15 p.m. We'll be happy to see you.
 -- Jeanne Jones, Handbell Director

CHOIR NOTES

Our choir had a wonderful Christmas season with our special music and the Christmas Cantata. I want to thank all those wonderful voices that participated, and I want to encourage everyone that has a voice to join us this year and help us to continue singing praises to God. I'm looking now for some new and exciting music in the same vein that we found for last year. Our normal choir rehearsal schedule is now in effect -- every Wednesday evening at 6:00 -- please join us if you can.

-- God Bless, Art Walton

"Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!" (Psalm 66:1-2)

VITAL SIGNS OF THE CHURCH

| MEMBERSHIP | | BUDGET PERFORMANCE | | INVESTMENT INFO |
|------------------------|-----|--------------------|------------------------------|--|
| | | | <u>DEC YEAR END</u> | We moved \$50,000 from Community Bank and have an investment fund with the HeartSpring Methodist Foundation with offices in Houston. |
| New Members YTD | 13 | Contributions | \$16,442 \$167,808 | |
| Members Lost YTD | 8 | Expenses | <u>12,723</u> <u>159,758</u> | |
| Total as of 12/31/2018 | 169 | Difference | \$ 3,719 \$ 8,050 | |
| | | 2018 Budget | \$167,373 | |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

January Birthdays

- 07 Bren Huddle
- 11 Carolyn Hanks
- 13 Pattie Johnson
- 15 Scott Miller
- 19 Madalyn Fry
- 21 Max Clay
- 29 Harold Woodrom
- 30 Willie Gibson

February Birthdays

- 03 Debbie Cox
- 07 Trish Schreiber
- 14 Charmaine Garner
- 19 Art Walton
- 26 Jann Stewart

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



January Anniversaries

- 04 Paul & Stacey Richards
- 13 Scott & Karen Miller
- 17 Jann & Jerry Stewart
- 24 Gary & Sharon Wornick

February Anniversaries

- 02 Tim & Kathy McDonough
- 06 Jack & Alberta Pedigo





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|--------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Jan 01 | HAPPY NEW YEAR - OFFICE CLOSED | |
| Jan 06 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship - Communion |
| Jan 09 | 10:00 a.m. | Homebound Communion |
| Jan 13 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship |
| Jan 17 | 06:30 p.m. | Game Nite |
| Jan 19 | 02:00 p.m. | Movie Matinee |
| Jan 20 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship |
| Jan 26 | 08:00 a.m.. | Methodist Men's Breakfast |
| Jan 27 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship |
| Jan 27 | 02:00 p.m. | District Leadership Training - Beaumont |
| Jan 28 | 06:30 p.m. | Long-Range Planning Meeting |
| Feb 03 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship - Communion |
| Feb 03 | 11:00 a.m. | Souper Bowl of Caring |
| Feb 06 | 10:00 a.m. | Homebound Communion |
| Feb 10 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship |
| Feb 16 | 02:00 p.m. | Movie Matinee |
| Feb 17 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship - District Superintendent Speaking |
| Feb 18 | 06:00 p.m. | Finance Meeting |
| Feb 21 | 06:30 p.m. | Game Nite |
| Feb 23 | 08:00 a.m. | Methodist Men's Breakfast |
| Feb 24 | 09:00 a.m. | Sabbath Worship with Celebration Brunch |
| Feb 25 | 06:30 p.m.. | Church Council Meeting |

**Regular Scheduled
Program**

TUESDAY

8:30 am Prayer Group

9:30 am Exercise Group

5:15 pm Handbell Practice

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Choir Practice

THURSDAY

9:15 am Exercise Group



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