

Welcome!

We welcome you to today's worship celebration service. We are happy you are here and pray that your spirit is refreshed. Please fill out the attendance registry with your name, address and phone number...so we can keep in touch.



NURSERY

We have a nursery available for your children in Rainbow Hall.

MAKE GIVING EASY



Come by the FUMC office and we'll get you set up for automatic transfers from your bank. You decide what day and how much.

It's easy!!

FINANCE COUNTERS

October

07 Nancy Craig	Neil Scott
14 Steve Wright	Tom Sample
21 Nancy Craig	Deb Morris
28 Linda Moore	Mike Fisk

Administrative Meetings

Finance Meeting

Monday, October 15 @ 6:30 pm

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This Week

Sunday, October 7

8:30 am Worship Service
 9:30 am Refreshments
 9:45 am Sunday School
 11:00 am Worship Service
 4:00 pm Youth

Monday, October 8

6:00 pm Cub Scouts
 6:30 pm M.E.S.S.

Tuesday, October 9

8:30 am Believers in Grace, WBS
 2:00 pm Prayer Shawl
 6:00 pm Men's Bible Study
 6:00 pm Spiritual Gifts
 6:30 pm Boy Scouts

Wednesday, October 10

9:00 am Prayer Time
 9:30 am Pastor's Bible Study
 3:30 pm Fellowship Games
 5:00 pm Wednesday Nite Dinner
 5:30 pm Nursery
 5:30 pm Chancel Choir
 5:30 pm Ignite Voices
 6:00 pm Ignite Kids
 6:00 pm Youth
 6:30 pm The Stand

Saturday, October 13

9:00 am - 4:00 pm CountryFest

MINISTRIES

MINISTERS	THE CONGREGATION
CHILD CARE DIRECTOR	Ellen Leslie
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Marilyn Joyce
MUSICIAN	Tony Johnston
MEDIA DIRECTOR	Stephen Marshall
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR	Kathy Byrd
ADMINISTRATOR ASSISTANT	Lynne Overstreet
FACILITY MANAGEMENT	Cody Bradford
PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR	Ashley Trantham
CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR	Pam Greenberg
YOUTH DIRECTOR	Cindy McDonald
PASTOR	Rev. Stephen Cotten



FORGIVENESS IS HARD

FORGIVENESS

So.....there's this scripture that goes something like this:

"For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

~Matt. 6:14-15

Forgiveness is hard. It's unnatural in this big wide world to extend amnesty to someone who has wronged you, lied about you and talked smack about you. The last thing....*the hardest thing*...to do as your soul recovers from the sucker-punch to the gut is to say "I forgive you" when all you really want to do is hurt them back. Am I right? Please tell me I'm not the only person to feel this way.....

Take the example of the man whose 10-year-old daughter, kneeling beside her bed at night, asks to pray for the accuser of her Dad. "A lot of wisdom for a 10-year-old", her choked-up Dad says to us through our TV screens.

Now....think for a second.

Have you ever been accused of something you "didn't" do? Have you ever been called-out on something you actually "did" do? I sure have...and I would imagine you're shaking your head right now remembering when you were. In both cases, whether I did what I was accused of doing or not, they both required me to quietly and privately ask God for Forgiveness; whether the forgiveness was for me or for the one wrongly accusing me.

The best part is....God has made it a win-win situation! If I'm being wrongly accused and I pray for forgiveness for my accuser, it releases me, the prisoner, from the pain of being accused. (Trust me...this works!) And if I'm the guilty party, asking for Forgiveness releases me from the prison I've been hanging out in since committing the sin.

Forgiveness helps us understand why Jesus took a nail for your sins; He had to find a way to forgive you.

TO FORGIVE IS TO SET A PRISONER FREE AND DISCOVER THAT THE PRISONER WAS YOU.

LEWIS B. SMEDES, ethicist and theologian

Liz Etheridge

Oct 7 2018

Perfect through Sufferings



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Sunday, October 7, 2018
8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

POCKET VERSE

but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

PRELUDE (8:30) Tony Johnston
 (11:00) Lisa Lowry

WELCOME

***HYMN** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* CH 370 (vss. 1,2,3)

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN (8:30)** *Ye Servants of God* CH 38 (vss. 1,2,3)

***HYMN (11:00)** *Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone* Screens

***HYMN (11:00)** *How Majestic Is Your Name* CH 121

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12
 8:30 Gail Reed
 11:00 Lisa Lowry

OFFERTORY PRAYER

"For God so loved the world, that God gave ... !"
 John 3:16 (adapted)

***DOXOLOGY** UM 95
 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

MESSAGE Perfect through Sufferings Pastor Stephen Cotten

HOLY COMMUNION

ANTHEM (11:00) *Come Just as You Are* Stephen Cotten

***HYMN** *Fairest Lord Jesus* CH 87 (vs.1)

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE TO BENEDICTION**
Fairest Lord Jesus CH 87 (vs. 4)

POSTLUDE Tony Johnston

*Please stand as able *CH: Celebration Hymnal *UM: United Methodist Hymnal



Would you like to take a day trip to the State Fair of Texas? On Thursday, October 18, Bruce Morris will drive the church bus to the State Fair. There will be space for 11 people to ride as the bus leaves the church parking lot at 8:00 am and returns around 5:00 pm. Thursdays are Senior Citizen Days at the Fair so admission for those age 60+ is free. Those under age 60 can enter for \$6.00 with any 20 oz. bottle of a Coke product. Otherwise the cost of admission is \$18.00. Each person will be asked to contribute \$5.00 to cover the cost of parking and gas for the bus.

There will not be a specific agenda for time spent at the Fair. Participants will visit exhibits of interest to them and will gather at a designated time and place to board the bus for return to Mt. Vernon.
*****Reserve your seat on the bus for a day at the State Fair of Texas by calling or e-mailing the church office by Monday, October 16. Remember seats are limited.**

Prayer List

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| Willie Bane | Chuck Etheridge | Jean Ann Marshall | Dawn Parsons |
| Linda Sue Bentley | Stevie Joe Evans | Lou Gene Maxton | Dorothy Price |
| David Brewer | Freda Evans | Dennis McBride | Helen Price |
| Patti Brewer | Victoria Fletcher | Charlotte Whitesides | Lena Mae Reeder |
| Janie Bynum | Jan Banman Gracia | McFarlin | Don Rose |
| Patty Cheatwood | Richard Haynie | Kenneth McGee | Chris Shelton |
| Tim Clipson | Jean Lowry Hays | Susan McGee | Sarah Shelton |
| Carolyn Dalton | Nadine Jennings | Jessie Mills | Leye Ann Smith |
| Norma Jean Draper | Jolynn Johnson | Lanny Moore | Peggy Stutts |
| Kenny Duck | Robert Jones | Marla Nolley | George Turner |
| Joanna Earl | Margaret Mann | Blaine Nordin | Rennie Wessner |

Sympathy to:

.....Miles Elliott and family on the passing of Miles' mother, Sharron Meek Elliott.
Ashley Trantham and family on the passing of Ashley's sister, Tara Allen.

Please Note: Names added to the prayer list will remain on the list for 30 days if needed. They will be relisted by request.

If you would like to have a prayer request emailed out or would like to add someone to the prayer list, please email the Church office at office@fumcmv.org

Concert in the Sanctuary
Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 6:30 pm
LivingJOY!

Embark on this JOY-filled adventure, as we share the real life exploration of Christ living in our hearts amid the "ups" and through the obstacles. This captivating program, Living JOY!, features inspiring selections from such composers as Mark Hayes, Richard Hundley, Texas composer Sam Sweet, the musical theater genius of Jason Robert Brown and Stephen Marzullo, and the soul-stirring spirituals of Jacqueline Hairston.



Brooke Clark Gibson,
mezzo-soprano



James C. Emery,
piano

Also Featuring:
Brandon J. Gibson,
baritone

Please call 903-537-3616 for reservations or visit **Info Center**. Tickets are \$5.

Wednesday Nite Live




5 pm



Oct. 10
Prepared by Maaiké's Team

3:30 pm	Fellowship Games
5:00 pm	Dinner
5:30 pm	Nursery
5:30 pm	Chancel Choir
5:30 pm	Ignite Voices
6:00 pm	Ignite Kids
6:00 pm	Youth
6:30 pm	The Stand

Altar Flowers



If you would like to provide altar flowers in honor or in memory of someone, sign up at the info center. The office would like to recognize this special occasion and ask that you make arrangements 2 weeks prior to that special day.