



First United Methodist Church of Sun City
First Word

JULY / AUGUST 2018



2018 Annual Conference Lay Members Report

The vision being: "A Courageous Church: Loving Like Jesus, Acting For Justice and United in Hope." The focus this year: "Giving God our Best."

The opening of conference was a message from Bishop Bob Hoshibata. He talked about how being just good enough was not enough, that we should "Give God our Best" in all that we do. He talked about the three plans the Commission on a Way Forward proposed to the Council of Bishops. All three plans will be presented to the Special General Conference in St. Louis in February, 2019. The Bishops supported the One Church Plan among themselves. These plans are in translation and not due to be released until July.

Since Rev. Nancy Cushman, who has been the conference secretary for the past several years, is to become our West District Superintendent, we elected Rev. Jennifer Lambert to take her place.

The CF&A (Council Finance and Administration) gave a report of apportionments paid: 71% have paid 100%. We felt very proud that First United Methodist Church, Sun City, was included in that 71%.

We had considerable discussion and approval on the proposed resolutions and constitutional amendments/legislation. We voted a corrected version of the Commission on the Status and Role of Women because of a clerical error from last year. We also voted for delegates to attend the 2020 General Conference and Western Jurisdiction Meeting.

We had an interesting afternoon laity session with Rev. Gina Campbell. The discussion was based on the book assigned by Bishop Bob "The Anatomy of Peace." This showed us how to step outside of our familiar box to better help our relationships within our congregation. We had several Holy Huddles for these discussions.

Rev. Dr. Jeffery Kuan, President, Claremont School of Theology, spoke to us. He thanked the conference for its support, specifically mentioning First United Methodist Foundation of Sun City.

Saturday afternoon the West District Appointments were announced. We are pleased to confirm that Rev. Lois Hedden and Rev. Thomas Ondra will be with us another year.

Colleen Becker and Don Pleinis
Your Lay Members to Annual Conference

July's Communion Offering to UMOM (United Methodist Outreach Ministries)



UMOM New Day Centers was founded by local United Methodist Churches in 1964. They have a child care center (licensed and accredited), wellness center, chapel, Kids Den for after-school activities, Clothes Closet (retail establishment for residents and public), and community dining facility. They have a program for abused women and over 90% of the women completing the program do not return to the abusive environment from which they came.

Their programs also include: individual education and job assistance, and transportation services. In the last few years, they have been able to provide services to over 12,000 homeless individuals which include families, single women trying to rebuild their lives, and youth (including runaways) by providing shelter and resource programs. Thank you for generous support that helps UMOM to be able to assist so many in our community.

August's Communion Offering to Support for the Segura-April Family

Osias Segura-Guzman is a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church working with new churches in Central America, especially the Evangelical Methodist Church of Nicaragua and the United Methodist Mission in Honduras. He assists pastors and lay leaders in the development of a network of accountable leaders for small groups, facilitates training, helps to create small-group teaching resources, and strategizes with local leaders on ways to promote church growth.



Desiree L. Segura-April is also a missionary with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church serving as a resource person for the Children at Risk Ministries of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Nicaragua. This church is an outgrowth of several streams of mission work in the Central American country. Many participants are children and efforts are underway to expand ministries for children both in the churches and the larger communities.

Desiree and Osias met in Central America and eventually married. They have a son, Nikolas Gabriel, born in 2011. We had the opportunity to meet them at a potluck presentation in the fall of 2017. For their complete story and pictures see the mission bulletin board on the left as you enter Fellowship Hall.



Message from the Pastor

I was thinking the other day how sometimes things do not turn out the way we hope or plan. When I was a little girl, I did not know my grandparents. I determined that my children would have a close relationship with their grandparents. Alas, the closest we ever lived to grandparents was about 1,200 miles and the farthest 8,600 miles! Needless to say, my kids are not close to their grandparents, aunts, uncles or cousins.

My parents were not demonstrative with their affections. I tried to recall if they had ever said they loved me when I met a person who could not remember a day that their parents had not said, "I love you," to them. I resolved that if I ever had children, I would tell them that I loved them daily at a minimum. Before my father passed away, I talked to him about this. His answer was, "Of course I loved you! I never threw you out did I?" As I said earlier, they were not overtly affectionate.

I kept that vow to always tell my children that I loved them. Mostly their answer became, "Yeah, mom, I know" (with a big sigh for added emphasis). To this day, whether in person, on the phone, texting, or face-timing, I am constantly telling them that I love them. I do not think it embarrasses them as much as when they were teenagers, and they understand that I need to say this and they need to hear it.

When my first grandchild was coming, I planned to be a better, more connected grandparent than my children or I had experienced. I bought a bassinette so the baby could nap when they came for a visit. I had toys for various stages of growth. As the baby got older, I got a baby bed. I visited them at their homes, but they never came to my house. Eventually I sold all the baby things I had acquired. Turns out, I am not a better grandparent. I see the grandkids about once a year, if that. Seems to me life and work keep getting in the way.

All the plans I made were for nothing. My hopes and dreams of a better life here on earth have not come true. But there is one thing that has turned out better than any hope or dream I have ever had – my relationship with God! When my plans have failed, God's plan has remained steadfast. God called me into ministry. God has allowed me to witness miracles happening. My faith has grown throughout the years as I have walked this path of faith.

By the time you read this I will have a new granddaughter! She is due June 26th. "The plan" is to have a strong relationship with this little girl. Regardless of what happens with my plan, I know that my walk with God will continue throughout the rest of my life and grow stronger and more vibrant day by day.

God Bless You –
Lois

Bible Studies... Lectionary Study JULY

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

July 2nd

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48
2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13

July 9th

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24
Ephesians 1:3-14 Mark 6:14-29

July 16th

2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 23rd

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14
Ephesians 3:14-21 John 6:1-21

July 30th

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35

Reading Through the Bible

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room for an hour of Bible reading, discussion and questions. We are in the book of Luke.

COME AND JOIN US!

Bible Studies... Lectionary Study AUGUST

Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

August 6th

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33 Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

August 13th

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14 Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

August 20th

1 Kings 8:(1, 6, 10-11) 22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84

Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69

August 27th

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9 James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Reading Through the Bible

We meet every Thursday afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the Lillian Carver Room for an hour of Bible reading, discussion and questions. We will be starting the Gospel of John.

COME AND JOIN US!

We miss you when you're gone for the summer ...

... in more ways than one! Certainly, we miss your smiling face and think about the good times you're having in cooler places, but we also miss your financial support. And it's that continuing contribution that enables us to keep ministry going here at First Church when the temps hit 110+...until you return in the fall and winter for another season. So thank you (in advance) for remembering us with your tithes and gifts; we appreciate each one.



Help Solve a Mystery



We are trying to find out the history of the pile of rocks by the church sign in front of the church on 105th Avenue. Do you know? Please share the story of the pile of rocks. We would like to know. You may share your knowledge of the history of the rocks with either of our Pastors. Thank You.

SHOEBOX FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Our church will again prepare shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse. Franklin Graham (Billy Graham's son), is the president of this organization. In addition to hearing the Gospel BEFORE they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive The Greatest Gift, a story book that shares the message of salvation. The booklet shares 11 scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. They then take this book home to share with their families. It is used in more than 80 languages. There are year-round local volunteers from various evangelical denominations who know the culture and language that can communicate the Gospel with their own communities. After receiving a shoebox, children have the opportunity to enroll in The Greatest Journey, their 12-lesson Bible student course guiding them through what it means to faithfully follow Christ. Just \$6 (which comes from donations) provides a child with Bible study materials, a New Testament in their own language, and a graduation certificate. Since 2009 more than 6.9 million children have reported decisions for Christ. When the children attend the Bible classes, many parents become curious and attend also.

The dedication for these boxes is October 7th which is also World Communion Sunday. This gives you all plenty of time to find those bargains and be done before the busy holidays. A LIST OF ARTICLES AS TO WHAT TO PUT IN AND NOT PUT IN THE BOXES WILL BE TAPED TO THE TABLE BY THE BOXES. THERE WILL ALSO BE A PAMPHLET "How to pack your shoebox" with the same information to take home. If you want to put a check in your box for \$9 (yes, it's gone up) to cover the shipping cost, that would be great. Again the Missions Committee would like to thank the congregation for always supporting these missions. You are faithful!

"UNDY" SUNDAY AND CONCERT, JULY 8TH



When the "Sounds of the Southwest Singers" come to perform at our church on Sunday, July 8th, at 2:00 p.m., we would like everyone to bring a new package of underwear or socks for our veterans (male and female) or children for Salvation Army "Back-to-School" drive.

We will have boxes in the church lobby several Sundays before the concert which will be marked for children or adults, girl or boy. Please place packages in the appropriate boxes; this will help the Missions Committee. Thank you and happy shopping.

Sunday Afternoon Hymn Sing for Christian Unity Bringing Christian Brothers and Sisters Together JULY 29 - 2:00 p.m.

The next Hymn Sing will be July 29th at 2:00 p.m. at The Church of the Palms, 14808 N. Boswell Blvd. This is the second in a series of 5th Sunday celebrations which seeks to draw the community together through music of the faith we hold dear. The service will feature a variety of solos, duets, and small group selections, culminating in the singing of some great hymns! Join us for this time of unity that was the final prayer of Jesus, "*that they may all be one*" (John 17:21).

JULY / AUGUST CALENDAR

Sundays

Sunday Worship 8:00 & 9:30 a.m.
 Fellowship Hour 9:00 & 10:30 a.m.
 CANNED Food Drive (3rd Sunday)
 Potluck (3rd Sunday) 10:30 a.m.

Mondays

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

Tuesdays

Game Night 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays

NO Handbells or Choir Rehearsals

Thursdays

Bible Study 3:00 p.m.

JULY / AUGUST Committee Meetings: NO MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER Committee Meetings:

Trustees	9:30 a.m.	Sep. 04
Social Media	3:30 p.m.	Sep. 11
Finance	1:30 p.m.	Sep. 13
Missions	1:00 p.m.	Sep. 18
Church Council	9:30 a.m.	Sep. 26

Returning in October:

Church Growth	11:00 a.m.	Oct. 03
Care Council	1:00 p.m.	Oct. 09
Worship	1:00 p.m.	Oct. 10
SPRC	9:30 a.m.	Oct. 16
Foundation	9:30 a.m.	Oct. 17

UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Hands of Friendship Luncheon
 11:30 a.m. Jul 07 and Aug 04
 Food Bank Sunday Jul 15 and Aug 19
 Potluck 10:30 a.m. Jul 15 and Aug 19

OFFICE IS CLOSED
 for Independence Day,
 Wednesday, July 04.

UMW Executive Board Meeting:

Tuesday, September 4th, at 1:00 p.m. in Lillian Carver Room

Tabitha-Dorcas Circle:

Wednesday, September 5th, at 6:30 p.m. in Lillian Carver Room

Elizabeth/Esther Circle:

Wednesday, September 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Priscilla Circle:

Thursday, September 13th, at 9:30 a.m. at Betty Zingre's home (10324 W. Willie Low Circle)

UMW Unit Meeting:

Monday, October 22nd, at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.



NO MEETINGS IN JULY AND AUGUST.
 MEETINGS WILL RESUME IN SEPTEMBER (or October) AS SHOWN ABOVE.
Have a happy and safe summer!!

MEET OUR NEWEST MEMBERS OF FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - SUN CITY



DEBBIE BLUE....comes to us from Columbus, Ohio, where she worked for Lazarus, a department store which is now Macy's. Following that she couldn't sit still so she trained to become a dialysis tech! Her folks lived in Sun City, so Debbie decided to give that a try, and we're glad she did. Debbie reports to having checked out about every church in Sun City but the feeling wasn't right – until she heard about Terry's (our Terry Smith's) recorder group. She signed up, began to play and now has become part of First United Methodist Church. Debbie has a sister here in Sun City and one in Yuma, but her main family is her furry daughter, Peanut. She swims five mornings a week at Bell Rec Center and enjoys music and sewing.



MARLYN & RITA GREGERSEN....grew up in the great state of Iowa, where they farmed and began a family. The winters drove them, as they have so many of us, to Arizona, where Marlyn went to work for John Deere & Company, overseeing several stores here. They still travel back to Iowa in the summer to golf and fish, and Marlyn dabbles in woodworking at the rec centers in Sun City. But most of their family four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren are in Arizona, so they'll be with us for a while!



*A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination,
looking at the old pages as he turned them.
Then something fell out of the Bible.
He picked it up and looked at it closely.
It was an old leaf from a tree that has been pressed in between the pages.
"Mama, look what I found," the boy called out.
"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.
With astonishment in the young boy's voice he answered,
"It's Adam's suit."*



October 19th - 20th

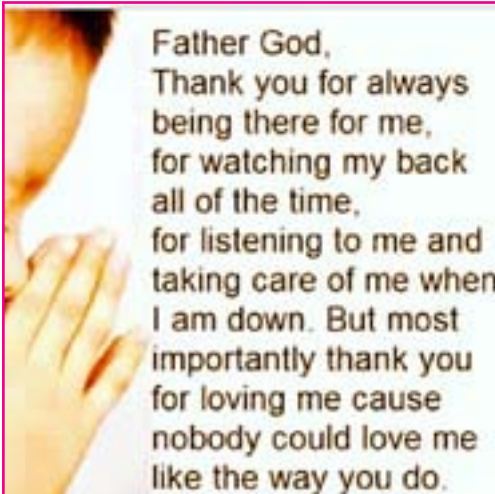
This year's Fall Festival is October 19th & 20th, so mark your calendars! We will again be selling rummage items, furniture, and jewelry. We will have an on-site lunch and bake sale. So there will be many opportunities to volunteer.

The summer months provide us the perfect opportunity to go through our homes and garages and rid them of items no longer needed. **NO CLOTHING, SHOES, COMPUTERS, MONITORS OR TVs (flatscreens OK)**, please. Rummage items will be received at the church the week of October 15th.

If you have jewelry to donate, please drop it off at the church office now. It takes time to prepare jewelry for display, so having the luxury of the extra summer months is a big help.

Are you new to our church and have no idea what the Fall Festival is? It is a fundraiser for the church. Money is raised by selling rummage items, furniture, jewelry, lunches and baked goods which are all donated by the congregation. The money received goes into our general operating fund and toward our mission endeavors. Being a Fall Festival volunteer is a great way to get to know your church family.

Thanks to everyone that helped out last year. We look forward to seeing all of you again this year and hopefully many new faces!



Father God,
Thank you for always
being there for me,
for watching my back
all of the time,
for listening to me and
taking care of me when
I am down. But most
importantly thank you
for loving me cause
nobody could love me
like the way you do.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE BABY PICTURES?



Lou Farrar's daughter, Lexi, had her baby, Isabella, on June 7th at 11:04 a.m....7 lbs. 8 oz., 20 ³/₄ inches. We want to wish Lou and Lexi the best on their new addition to the family. What a joy!! Be sure to stop and ask Lou to show you the pictures. I don't think you have to "beg" to see them. He is such a proud grandpa!

IN CELEBRATION OF OUR NATION! "FAITH & FREEDOM CONCERT"



July 8th at 2:00 p.m. the Sounds of the Southwest Singers will be performing. All donations received benefit the Sounds of the Southwest Singers and First United Methodist Church of Sun City. Be sure to invite friends and neighbors as a way to celebrate our nation! We will have a fellowship time after the concert. Please bring finger foods and/or sweets.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Therese Green	07/01
Floyd Reddy	07/01
Don Vickery	07/01
Jeannie Lewis	07/02
Joyce Lostetter	07/03
Debbie Blue.....	07/08
Carl Hansen	07/14
Jackie Hagen	07/18
Beverly Miller.....	07/19
Richard (Red) Fisher	07/21
Debbie Wood.....	07/23

ANNIVERSARIES

Harlan & Sally Kloostra	07/02
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HANDS OF FRIENDSHIP LUNCHEON

July 7th and August 4th at 11:30 a.m. at Mercer's Restaurant, 9720 W. Peoria. Hands of Friendship is a group that gets together for fellowship and food the first Saturday of each month at Mercer's restaurant. We order from the menu and pay individually.

Please call Phyllis Sutton (623-322-8547) so we will have a spot waiting for you. Everyone is welcome. Come join us!

Fellowship Hour Hosts

The group that will be hosting our 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Hour for the following months will be:
JULY - SPRC
AUGUST - Worship Committee

Birthdays & Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Jean MacLeod.....	08/02
Nancy Brookman.....	08/03
Dean Pokrandt	08/05
Barbara Bock	08/06
Max Wood	08/06
Mary Brickey	08/07
Alice Davis	08/11
Hester Roeder	08/11
Sylvia Garza	08/13
Jean Jowers	08/13
Robert Schmidt	08/13
Sharon Ellingson	08/14
Marjorie Clayton	08/16
Joyce Clingerman	08/17
Connie Armstrong	08/18
Millie Dickerson	08/22
Don Pleinis	08/22
Sandi Vickery	08/22
Sandy Martin	08/23
Fran Nine	08/24
Jim Carlson	08/26
Naida Davis.....	08/26
Joyce Toxvard	08/29

ANNIVERSARIES

Dan & Sandy Martin	08/06
Ron & June Fisher	08/13
Gary & Donna Johanson.....	08/15
Marlyn & Rita Gregersen.....	08/19
Gordon & Lucille Gudmundson.....	08/21
Don & Sandi Vickery	08/22
Ralph & Jan Ward	08/23
Ron & Suzanne Yankowski	08/28
Bob & Hester Roeder	08/29
Bill & Janice Promberger.....	08/30
Max & Debbie Wood	08/30
Lyn & Doris Kortie	08/31

Metho Travelers invites you to....

Go Places: Fun trips with great people.

Remember, **FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED.**

Many people are now signing up for these activities and **space is limited.**

Be sure to pay your deposit upon registration to ensure your space.

CRUISIN' CABO, Monday, October 22, 2018, to Saturday, October 27, 2018. Tour includes round trip motor coach to Los Angeles, bus driver tips, taxes and portage. NOT INCLUDED: gratuities onboard ship. Cost is \$968/double occupancy ocean view with other cabin options available. Deposit \$150/person upon sign up.

BRITISH ISLES CRUISE, Sunday, May 12, 2019, to Saturday, May 25, 2019. Tour includes round-trip air Phoenix to London, transportation to/from airports, all taxes and port fees, tips and portage. Cost ranges from \$4,150 up to \$5,000 depending on occupancy and cabin. Deposit of \$500/person upon sign up.

For more information and sign up, visit the Metho Travelers' table in the Fellowship Hall.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Metho Travelers needs representatives from First Church to serve on the board. By people serving on the board, we learn about upcoming trips and events. Meetings are held on the 2nd Friday each month at Lakeview United Methodist Church. If you are interested, please contact BETH MEAD, 307-262-6715.

DO YOU HAVE AN ARTICLE FOR OUR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER?

This would be the perfect opportunity for you to let your committee members know of their September meeting schedule and what will be discussed. And, many people enjoy reading what you have to say. So be sure not to miss our deadline of August 15th for the September newsletter. If you submit your article by that date, it will be in the next First Word Newsletter. Thank you!

GET YOUR PICTURE TAKEN ...



Do you sometimes hear reference to a person you can't identify? Need to put together a name and a face? It's a common problem in churches like ours ... we don't have pictures of everyone. We might not even have a picture of YOU, so we're setting up the photo-stop again the last Sunday of every month. It's located in the Fellowship Hall and pictures will be taken on Sunday before and after each worship service. This provides an opportunity for you to get your picture taken FREE!! And if you don't like the way your pic turned out: relax, we'll take another (until you're satisfied). You cannot pass up this deal! Please stop and have your picture taken. Your name and address will not print in our directory if we do not have your picture, so PLEASE help us, and get your picture taken on Sunday. Please verify that we have your correct address, phone number and email address. Thank you!

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Clarice Bielski
Tillie Brandt
Joyce Clingerman
Lucille and Gordon
Gudmundson
Libby Hearne
Alice LaClair
Jeff Lay
Dolores Morris
Gordon Plancich
John B. Richardson
Mary Jean Roush
Billie Jo Scott
Helen Teichman
Esta and Bill VanMeter
Don & Sandi Vickery
Don Watson



ECUMENICAL PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the following congregations:

July:

Sun City congregations
Shepherd of the Desert
St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
St. Elizabeth Seton
United Church of Sun City
All Saints of the Desert

United Methodist congregations in our District

Lakeview UMC, Sun City
Liberty UMC, Buckeye
Maranatha UMF, Phoenix
Mission Bell UMC, Glendale

ECUMENICAL PRAYER CIRCLE

We pray for the following congregations:

AUGUST:

Sun City congregations
Church of St. Joachim & St. Anne
Church of the Palms
Faith Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church

United Methodist congregations in our District
Mountain View UMC, Cottonwood
New Song UMC, Surprise
Nuevo Pacto, Phoenix

Condolences & Christian Sympathy to.....



....family & friends of Esther Kidwell (**ROSS & LENORA RECTOR**'s neighbor) on news of her passing week of May 7th.

....family & friends of **DIANE LANG** on news of her passing May 18th.

....**MIKE HILL** (Pat Nichols-Hill's spouse) on news of the passing of his brother, David, May 24.

....**KAREN WILLARD** on news of the passing of her friend, Jessie Grettar recently.

Also, on a very sad note, we received news of the unexpected passing of **REV. JAMES THOMAS and spouse, JOYCE**, in an auto accident on May 31st in Grand Rapids, MI. James and Joyce ministered at Lakeview Church for many years, were part of the Greater Parish with us and the Youngtown Church, and retired to Grand Rapids to be near family and loved ones. Cards may be sent to their son Brian Thomas, 282 N. Main Street, Kent City, MI, 49330-9111.

....**BOB AND IRENE SMITH**, family and friends on the passing of Bob's brother, Tom, week of June 10th (NH).

POTLUCKS

Sunday, July 15th and August 19th

Every third Sunday of the month we have a Potluck Sunday. Our fun potlucks will be held on July 15th and August 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Remember to bring your own plate and utensils. Please bring an extra dish to share so we can easily include our guests and visitors. Everyone is welcome to attend.



JULY 15th POTLUCK: Did you ever wonder what happens with the Christmas Shoeboxes after we bless them during our worship service? How do they get to children all over the world? Come to the potluck on July 15th and you will find out as we watch a DVD from Operation Christmas Child produced by Samaritan's Purse. It is sure to be informative and entertaining.

AUGUST 19th POTLUCK: Kim Parrott will be giving a presentation after we eat on how to grow the Marian Thompson Memorial Fund and Estate Planning. She will also be speaking about Charitable Tax Rollovers as the IRS rules have recently been changed on them. We will all learn a lot, so please come for a good meal and information about how to secure our church for the future.

VALLEY VIEW COMMUNITY FOOD BANK TOUCAN = Two Cans



Tilly 2Can is the mascot for Valley View Community Food Bank. Her message — every time you shop for your family's groceries, grab an extra **TWO CANS** for Valley View. Thank you in advance for all you do for the community.

Our food bank donation Sunday is July 15th and August 19th. If you forget your food, cash or a check will suffice.

September's Communion Offering to Support Justa Center

Justa Center is a day resource center only for those individuals over the age of 55 who have nowhere to live. Approximately 55% of the people seeking help are veterans. They staff resource specialists who help client members to re-establish their documents and IDs and even have a special veterans advocate. The Center provides seniors with necessary services from safe housing, nutrition assistance, basic physical healthcare, substance abuse care, aftercare, mental health counseling, personal development, job assessment and placement assistance. On any given day, more than 120 homeless seniors visit Justa Center. More than 1,200 have been moved into independent housing. Justa Center employs social workers and counselors for an Extended Care Program to assist our friends after they move into housing. Justa Center provides them a safe place to stay during the day as many seniors are physically assaulted. The homeless seniors can take showers, have laundry done for them and they also have a clothing closet. The staff does from 15 to 50 loads of laundry a day. There is an RN on site 6 days a week.



NOTE: This article was written a few years ago, but the message and the “thank yous” still apply today. **The current value of the fund is \$346,052.**

In July, 2015, the name of the fund was changed from the Marian Thompson Endowment Fund to the **MARIAN THOMPSON MEMORIAL FUND.**



A Message of Thanks

In 2007, our church was blessed with a bequest of \$25,000 given by Marian Thompson for the general operating fund of our church. After many meetings and discussions by church leadership, it was proposed and approved by the Church Council to establish the Marian Thompson Endowment Fund. The money was deposited with the Foundation Fund of First United Methodist Church. Income earned by

the fund is paid quarterly into the operating budget of the church. We thank Marian Thompson for the seed money of this fund which is intended to secure the future of the church for years to come.

Since the beginning of the fund, additional large bequests and gifts have been received from members and friends of First United Methodist Church. We thank those people for their generous gifts to the fund. These additional bequests total almost \$62,000.

There is also another group of people we want to thank. It is those church members who faithfully pledged their support to the fund with gifts above and beyond their regular giving to the church budget. Remarkably, that amount of giving is about \$72,000. These funds continue to grow the balance of the Marian Thompson Fund. It also increases the income for the general church budget which we are currently using to underwrite Rev. Tom Ondra’s salary. Again, thank you very much!

Today the value of the Marian Thompson Endowment Fund is \$159,000 which is the sum of the original bequest, additional bequests, and gifts above and beyond regular giving. Our goal is to grow this fund to one million dollars to safely see our church into the future. As you can see we still have a way to go. We will make our goal through your continued bequests and generous giving.

God has blessed First Church with many caring and generous people and we thank Him for that.

Respectfully submitted by Walt Weihmuller, a member of the committee

COOL LADIES LUNCHEON



We will be having our fun-filled Cool Ladies Luncheon Tuesday, July 24th, at 11:30 a.m. For the past few years our summer luncheons have been a huge success for the ladies and friends of First United Methodist Church. We are going to go with a SUMMER BEACH theme so put your thinking caps on. There is a suggestion basket in the church lobby for you to give us some neat costumes and fun ideas to help plan the day; games, food suggestions, or any other suggestions are welcome. You do not have to do a thing but sign up, show up and have a good time.



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TELEWORSHIP:

Teleworship allows a person to dial a phone number remotely and listen to the worship service as it occurs. Here's how it works:

- Call **623-777-3306** during the 9:30 a.m. service
- When prompted, enter extension **930**
- Dial **536-545-940 #**
- You will be connected to the worship service.

Note: You can have a convenient wallet size card with the above information. These are available in the church office.

You can follow the service with a copy of the Sunday bulletin which is located on our website: **fumcsuncity.com**. Under the heading "WORSHIP" click on "SUNDAY BULLETIN."

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