

## Coming Events



**Early Communion**  
Sundays—9:00 am  
In the Chapel  
Except on the first  
Sunday of the month  
when it is held in  
morning worship.



5:30—Dinner—Chili Dogs  
5:45—Kids Hand Chimes  
5:45—Youth  
6:15—Kids Bible Story  
6:15—Adult Bible Study  
**Jonah and Ruth**  
7:00—Choir

## Church Work Day



**Church Work Day next Saturday, Oct. 21, 8:00-??**  
Suggested work areas:

- Clean up Preschool garden
- Clean up Canna bed
- Trim shrubs around the Fellowship Hall
- Change light bulbs in Fellowship Hall
- Straighten up kitchen
- Clean out freezer for Fall Festival items.
- Polish furniture in Fellowship Hall rooms.
- Change out table in foyer and Sunday School room.
- Change out light in the parlor
- General cleaning before Fall Festival



You're Invited to an

### Open House

At the Parsonage  
830 Krisker

Today, Sunday, Oct. 15  
4:00-6:00 p.m.

Come By the see the church's  
home!  
*Light Refreshments served*



October 28, 2017

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

BBQ dinner  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

**Sign Up NOW to help!**

### Kid's Hand Chime Choir



Calling all Kindergarten-5<sup>th</sup> Graders! Pastor Jenn has started a hand-chime choir on Wednesday evenings. Don't know how to read music? No problem. We will all be learning together. Chimes are a fun way to learn to work as a team, listen to one another and start being able to read music. We will start at 5:45, so come at 5:30 for some dinner and then come on over for some fun with an awesome musical instrument! After choir is over, the fun keeps going with Bible Story time!

### Kairos Prison Ministry Oct. 19-21

You can help by:

- Providing money for meals
- Praying
- Baking Cookies

See Ann Neill if you can help

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY JONAH AND RUTH

Remember learning about Jonah and the whale in Sunday School when you were little? There is so much more to the story, as there always is. What about the love story of Ruth? Come and join us on Wednesdays at 6:15 (after dinner at 5:30) to delve deeper into these two lesser known books of the Bible. We will learn about symbol and story and also be looking at some artwork in the process. This is an 8 week course, and open to those who

### Helping Hands Needs Help!

**Helping Hands of Mexia (headed up by First Presbyterian Church) needs our help with providing food baskets to the neediest families in our community for Christmas.**

**We have been asked to provide 300 cans (not jars) of spaghetti sauce. Come on FUMC—get your sauce on! The deadline is Sunday, Nov. 26!**



**First Baptist Church**  
Thursday, Oct. 19  
6:30 a.m.

Packs of Kindness  
October

Collecting Individual  
Snack Items

### First United Methodist Church

*Ministers: Every Member  
Pastor: Rev. Jenn Pick  
Organist: Linda Fox  
Music Director: Sunday Crider  
Youth Director: Michael Hensley  
Preschool Director: Sherry Miller  
Administrative Assistant: Carol Ann Dawley  
Maintenance: Juan Avila*

### Church Office Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9 to 12 and 1 to 4  
Closed Fridays

**Website:** [www.fumcmexia.org](http://www.fumcmexia.org)  
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## First United Methodist Church

October 15, 2017  
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost



HE WAS BAPTIZED BY JOHN  
& ANOINTED BY YOUR SPIRIT





# Welcome to Worship



## We Gather

### Greeting & Announcements

### A Moment of Silence for Worship Preparation

**Prelude and Bringing in the Light of Christ** Linda Fox

**\*Call to Worship** Pastor Jenn

*L: With a heart as soft as a baby's skin,*

**P: With wonder as holy as the depth of an infant's eyes,**

*L: We come to worship.*

**P: With joy as abundant as a toddler's giggle,**

*L: With excitement as contagious as a child's first steps,*

**P: We gather for worship.**

*L: With hope as wondrous as a child's first words,*

**P: We come to sing and pray. We gather to be blessed and encouraged.**

*L: With little drops dripping from fingertips to forehead, God's love names us as children of God; calls us into ministry and makes us signs of divine love.*

**P: We come to the fountain of life. We come to be renewed by the eternal springs. We come to be empowered by the rivers of justice and peace. We come to worship God, whose love flows through water.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* UMH 605

## We Affirm Our Faith

**Affirmation of Faith** UMH 887 George Tidwell

*L. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?*

**P: No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.**

**We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Thanks be to God! Amen**

**Response** *Glory Be to the Father* UMH 70

**Children's Time** Pastor Jenn

**Service of Baptism** *Kinslee Jayde Starnes*  
*KiAnna Rayne Starnes*  
*(see Insert)* Pastor Jenn

## We Pray to God

**Pastoral Prayer and Church Concerns** Pastor Jenn

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us, from evil,  
for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## We Respond to God

**Message in Song** *Down to the River to Pray* Choir

### Offering

**Offertory Music** Linda Fox

**\*Doxology** *Praise God From Who All Blessing Flow* UMH 94

## We Hear the Word

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Mark 10: 13-16* Pastor Jenn

**Sermon** *Little Children and the Kingdom of God* Pastor Jenn

### Invitation to Christian Response and Witness

*As we sing, an invitation is extended to all who desire membership in this church on Profession of Faith or by transfer of membership from another church. During the singing of the hymn, please come to the altar and be warmly greeted by the pastor and congregation.*

## We Are Sent Into the World

**\*Closing Hymn** *Standing on the Promises* UMH 374

**\*Sending Forth and Carrying the Light into the World**

**Postlude** Linda Fox

\*All those who are able are invited to stand.



Don Beene	Delilah Jones
Yvonne Fortson	Betty Bosley
James Shivers	Martha Mann
JW McKeand	Patsy Henry
Bill Crider	Bill, Tommie and Charles Sims
Dale Bottoms	Jan Masso
Family of Mary Spurlock	Bobby Beene
Barrett Campbell	Wayne and Margaret Jackson
Bryan Bradley	Rebecca Sheehan
Walt Harrison	Family of Ada Conner
Brandye Weaver	Ivan, Sr., Dolly, and Christi Jackson
Family of Bill Bryan	Tadd McCann
Carol Morgan	Ella Busby
Ann Smith	

*Names will remain on this list for 30 days unless otherwise requested to be listed for a longer period of time.*

### Nursing Home Residents

#### **Mexia LTC**

Loda Crutchfield  
Kathleen Flowers  
Dorothy Vinson  
Wayne Jackson  
Martha Mann

#### **Manor Nursing Home**

Sonia Kendall

#### **Skilled Care of Mexia**

James Shivers

#### **Bowie House**

Ruby Bailey  
Selma McClure

#### **Fairfield Nursing Home**

Margaret Troutz

#### **Groesbeck LTC**

Thelma Bolton  
Starlene Yelverton  
Betty Fox Killingsworth  
Sue Franks

#### **Windsor Healthcare Residence**

Delilah Jones

### At Home

Joe & Nancy Bounds



### Thank You for Supporting God's Church

General Offering	Oct. 8—\$3,461.97	Weekly Need	\$3,878.00
Designated Offering	- \$1,555.00		
Worship Attendance Last Week	—74	Early Communion	—11

### Lay Readers

Oct. 22—Carol Ann Dawley      Oct. 29—Bennie Green

**Head Usher:** Buddy Williford  
**Ushers:** James Dawley, Jerry Beaty, Chris and Alysha Richardson  
**Offering Counters:** Galen Day and Cheryl Hancock  
**Sound & Video:** James McKeand