

# FIRST THOUGHTS FIRST METHODIST CHURCH


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A Word With Pastor Chris

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Mandi Ressler	Youth Ministry Assistant/ Um Army Coordinator

Contact FMC at any time, 24 hours a day, to let the church office know of hospitalizations, births, deaths, illnesses, or other concerns.

## A Scarecrow Named 'Bob'

*"Happy are those who hear the joyful call to worship, for they will walk in the light of your presence, Lord."  
-Psalm 89:15 (NLT)*

Every October I am glad I don't live in western Florida anymore. Not because of a storm, but because of the pumpkins. Five tractor trailer loads of them. Just a little fundraiser called the Pumpkin Patch (last I heard, they were selling between \$80,000-\$120,000 of the little orange (and white, and green...) squashes.

In addition to hosting about 2,500 school children a year, there were several 'little fundraisers' on the weekends, one of which was the 'Build Your Own Scarecrow' -- \$10 each to support church missions. Take some old clothes, fill them with newspaper, safety pin them together, and put a big burlap head on top. Viola! Oh yeah, and a big stick in its back for support.

My scarecrow was named 'Bob' and he had a big permanent magic marker face with a big smile. When Bob was not out scaring the crows, he lived in the garage. One morning, during some challenging times, I backed out one morning and saw Bob's big smiling face in the rearview mirror. On any other day, I just kind of smiled back and kept on going. But I needed that smile on that particular morning. I know Bob was just burlap and newspaper, but I remembered all that Bob had gone through over the years: He weathered winds and rain, even some fierce Fall storms. He had to be stuck wherever I put him, and his outsides had seen better days. But none of that changed his big magic marker smile. Of course, Bob could not choose to have joy or not. However, I can and I do. Am I choosing to wear Christ's joy on my face despite life's weather? Am I allowing enough of Christ's life in me to care?

*"Wherever you are, Bob, keep on shining some light in this world. And I will try, too."*

*Happy Fall, Peace and Blessings! Pastor Chris*

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**November Newsletter Deadline :  
October 28th**



**SECOND SUNDAY LUNCHEON**  
**OCTOBER 13TH**  
 IN WESLEY HALL  
 FOLLOWING 10AM WORSHIP  
*Bring your favorite dish to share!*



Altar Flowers

Call or email the Church office to order flowers.

**Date**

**Worship**

**Offering**

Date	Worship	Offering
9/1	78	\$2,563
9/8	114	\$3,077
9/15	77	\$4,216
9/22	76	\$9,184
9/29	TBD	TBD



**October Altar Guild**

- Cindy Carroll**
- Linda Green**
- Allyson Wright**

# Welcome & Worship Center!

Welcoming new members and visitors with information and guidance for our church's programs and activities here at FMC is very important to us.

If you would like to volunteer to man our new welcome center, please add your name to the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

**SUNDAY  
10:00 AM  
FAMILY WORSHIP  
IN THE  
SANCTUARY**



**WHAT ARE YOU  
DOING SUNDAY?**

## MUSIC

The Music Ministry of First Methodist Church is mission-minded, striving to take the gospel of Jesus into our community and the world. Worship is our response of love to the God who first loved us. If you or your children love to use your talents to make a joyful noise to the Lord, consider joining one our choirs.

### Weekly Programming

PRAISE TEAM : Sundays 8:30AM  
(Singers, Band, Tech Team)

CHANCEL CHOIR : Wednesdays 7PM

PRAISE RINGERS HANDBELL CHOIR : August - May  
Wednesdays 5:30PM

## ADULT MINISTRIES

We believe that true Christian community is about more than attending a Sunday gathering. We love worshipping together, but it is important to us that you are known outside of just Sundays.

*We believe sustained life-change happens best in small groups.*

We have groups for every age and stage of life. We want you to have a relational home with a group of people who follow Jesus together, whether that is through a class, a small group, or a Bible study.

### Programming

FRIENDSHIP CLASS: Sundays 9AM (in the Parlor)

GOOD NEWS CLASS: Sundays 9AM

FAMILY OF FAITH: Tuesdays 5:30PM-6:30PM  
**WILL RESUME AFTER SUMMER BREAK**

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays 10AM (seasonal)

## MISSIONS

We will mobilize people and resources both in our city and aboard to glorify God, share the gospel, and help those in need.

There is so much that God has put on our hearts to pursue, and we believe we have been given everything we need to accomplish all of it.

### Ongoing Opportunities

FOOD VOUCHER MINISTRY  
Every 3rd Thursday 8:30AM-10AM

HARVEST HOUSE FOOD PANTRY

PRISON MINISTRY



Children and Youth ministries focuses on laying a Biblical foundation , planting seeds of faith, and digging deep into God's word. We believe that faith formation happens both in the church and in the home, and want to come alongside parents to equip and empower them to be leaders in their child's spiritual journey!

### Children and Youth Ministries

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Sundays 10AM  
(except 1st Sundays) 4yr old's through 5th graders welcomed -

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP CLASSES: Every 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Sunday @5PM. Ages 6th-12th Grade @ 5-6:30PM. We will meet in Wesley Hall for dinner, but pick up will be from the Youth Bldg. -



FALL INTO GOD'S LOVE AT

# Children's Church

OCT. 6 - INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 9AM!

OCT. 13 - MOSES & THE GREAT ESCAPE

OCT. 20 - MOSES & THE RED SEA

OCT. 27 - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

**PK4 - 5TH GRADERS WELCOME!**

CHILDREN'S CHURCH MEETS ON 2ND, 3RD, 4TH, & 5TH SUNDAYS. VOLUNTEERS TAKE THE CHILDREN OVER TO THE YOUTH BUILDING FROM THE SANCTUARY AFTER THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH PASTOR CHRIS! PARENTS CAN PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN THERE AFTER WORSHIP!

*Church Nursery*  
IS OPEN EVERY SUNDAY  
FOR NEWBORNS - 3 YR OLDS

Mandi Kessman - Nursery Coordinator

Now located in the  
**YOUTH BUILDING**

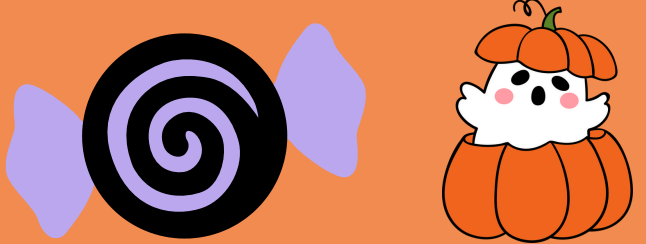
# Children's Church & Youth

Save the Date

JOIN US AT INTERGENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TO DISCOVER...

## THE BEATITUDES

10/6 @ 9AM  
WESLEY HALL



Save the Dates!

## TRUNK OR TREAT

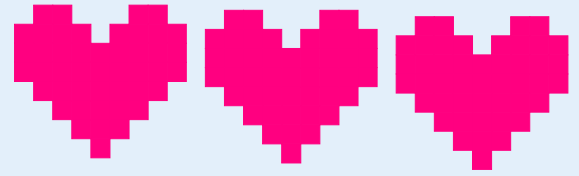
SET UP @ 4:30PM  
DINNER TO FOLLOW  
IN WESLEY HALL

SUNDAY  
**10/27**  
5:30 - 6:30 PM  
FMC PARKING LOT

CARS & CANDY NEEDED!

# FAITH

# Children's Church & Youth



ATTN: 6TH - 12TH GRADERS!!!!

## YOUTH NEWS

**OCT. 6 - NO YOUTH**

**OCT. 13 - POPCORN CHRISTIANS**

**OCT. 20 - YOUTH LED WORSHIP PREP**

**OCT. 27 - TRUNK OR TREAT - 4:30**

**5:00 - 6:30PM**  
DINNER, BIBLE STUDY, GAMES

BRING A FRIEND!



Show YOUR LOVE FOR FMC!

**\$20**

Order a Church T-shirt Today!  
Youth and Adult Sizes available

*order now!*

## Family Ministries Fun!

Ask the Children's Church kiddos about our Truse God Taste Test!

The Youth can teach you how to be a Gummy Worm Disciple!

Jaxon and Brooke are Memory Masters!

Rejoice always, PRAY without ceasing, and give thanks in all things. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

# Children's Church & Youth

**Chapel Time!**

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS @ 9AM FOR CHAPEL WITH OUR SUNSHINE & RAINBOWS FRIENDS!

**FEED THE YOUTH!**

TEXT LYNSEY NOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE FOLLOWING DATES:!

8/18	9/15
8/25	9/22
9/8	9/29

979-240-4006  
OR SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER!

THANK YOU!

**See You at the Pole 2024**

HEY FMC KIDS & YOUTH...

**The 12 Symbols of Christmas AUDITIONS**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6**

IMMEDIATELY AFTER WORSHIP IN THE CHOIR ROOM

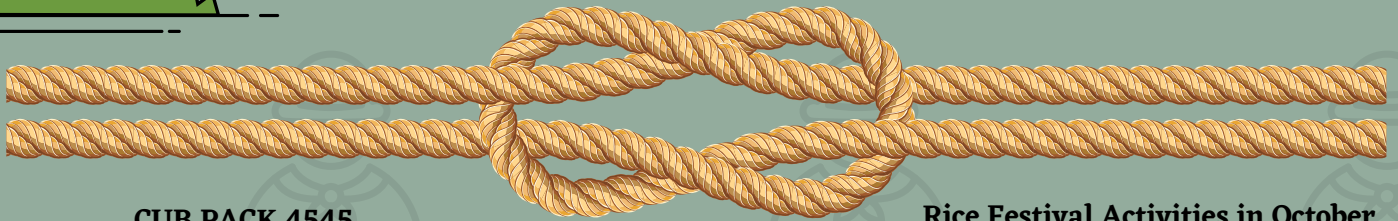
JOIN US IF YOU'D LIKE A SPEAKING ROLE OR SOLO IN THE UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PLAY! PERFORMANCE WILL BE DURING WORSHIP ON DEC. 15!

**October**  
**2024**



# SCOUT

News



## CUB PACK 4545

Thursday, September 19 - The Cub Pack had their first Pack meeting in the Chapel for the Fall. The next Cub Pack meeting will be Thursday October 17. October will have Rocket Day, yes rockets, and a family Ghost and Goblins weekend camp out.

The Pack is planning on working at the Beach Cleanup at Jetty Park September 28th starting at 8:30 AM and attending the Bay City Fire Department Open House Tuesday October 8 starting a 7 pm.

Den meetings are held on most Monday nights in the Chapel Building from 5 - 7 pm.

## Rice Festival Activities in October



## TROOP 45 for BOYS

The Troop completed a campout the weekend of September 20 - 22 and did a Flag Ceremony for the Texan Navy in Matagorda on Sept 21. On Wednesday, September 24, beginning with a meal the Fall Court of Honor will be held in Wesley Hall. The Scouts will receive merit badges for finished work and rank advancements.

The troop meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 pm to 8:45 pm in the Youth Building.



## TROOP 145 for GIRLS

An Eagle Scout Project has been worked on for several Saturdays in September.

The Scouts are having: **BAKE SALE** at **TRACTOR SUPPLY** Saturday September 28.

Court of Honor will be held Thursday October 24th at 7:30 pm

The troop meets on Thursday nights from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm in the Youth Building.



# October

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### Birthday                      Date

<b>EMIL SLIVA</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>SANDRA KLENKE</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>GINA WILSON</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>PAT WILLIAMS</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>BILL PARISH</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>ALEXIS GIBBENS</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>MERRY RODRIGUEZ</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>DEBBIE COPPOCK</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>TIM HALL</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>NATE MCDONALD</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>MICHELLE POIRRIER</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>WILLIAM YOUNGER</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>JUDY SANSING</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>BRITTANY JENKINS</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>SHERRY COX</b>	<b>23</b>



<u>Anniversary</u>	<u>Date</u>
Brian & Karen Cunningham	06
Colton & Abigail Coates	10
Bill & Rebecca Sansing	27

### Birthday                      Date

<b>NANCY HARTLEY</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>PATRICIA KLEPAC</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>TROY HATCHETT</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>JACK HELMICK</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>BILL SANSING</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>JEANNIE FIELDS</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>DAVID ROHAN</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>DAVID BURKHART</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>PAMELA JANISE</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>EVAN COATES</b>	<b>31</b>



WANT TO BE INCLUDED...?

IF WE DON'T HAVE YOUR BIRTH DATE OR ANNIVERSARY ON FILE, WE'D LOVE TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR CELEBRATORY WISHES!

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 245-4627 OR EMAIL:FUMCBC@SBCGLOBAL.NET

## Pray For

Israel  
Louise Teutsch  
Mary Ellen Reynolds  
Simon Desoto  
Audry Griggs  
Michelle and Marcel Poirrier  
B.J. Reynal  
Deborah Machicek  
Steve Sliva  
George Adams  
John Wells  
Barry Fry

Judy Pennington  
Taylor Smith  
Diana Ruiz  
Collin Gann  
Kaye Claybourn  
Melissa Foster's dad  
Greg - Terry & Michelle's friend  
Sarah McDonald Mirelez  
John Greenway  
Eleanor May & Family  
Don Storey  
Ty Pressley and his family  
Donna Rice  
Ira Rose  
Tim Ridgeway

~Please provide updates for Prayer Concerns when you are aware of them~





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATUDAY
		1 10am - Bible Study	2 5:30pm - Bells 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	3 6am - Reunion Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145	4 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE G.T.O. - 12PM Parlor	5
6 10am - Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm - Youth	7 5:30pm - Cub Scout	8 10am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Pack 4545 Committee Meeting	9 5:30pm - Bells 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	10 6am - Reunion Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145	11 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE	12
13 10am - Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm - Youth	14 5:30pm - Cub Scout	15 10am - Bible Study	16 5:30pm - Bells 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	17 8:30am - 10am Food Pantry 6am - Reunion Meeting 6:30pm - Pack 4545 Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145	18 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE Glory Guild - 9am Parlor	19
20 10am - Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm - Youth	21 5:30pm - Cub Scout	22 10am - Bible Study	23 5:30pm - Bells 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	24 6am - Reunion Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145	25 CHURCH CLOSED OFFICE	26
27 10am - Worship in person & Live stream worship 5pm - Youth 5:30pm - Trunk or Treat  	28 <u>Newsletter Deadline</u> 5:30pm - Cub Scout	29 10am - Bible Study	30 5:30pm - Bells 7pm - Choir 7:30pm - Troop 45	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 6am - Reunion Meeting 7:30pm - Troop 145		





# First Methodist Church - Bay City *Family Ministries Center*

CONNECT ● GROW ● REACH

Dear Church Family,

We are pleased to announce that the renovation of the Youth building kitchen will begin on Monday, September 30th. This is the first step in transforming our Youth building into the FMC Family Ministries Center - a place for all ages; where classes and events can be held, meals can be shared, and God's love will be felt through fellowship and friendship. This space will have a relaxed, inviting atmosphere that is centered on learning and growing in our faith as Christians.

The project will take place in two phases. Phase I will include a kitchen makeover and expansion. New flooring in the kitchen area, additional cabinetry, new countertops, a broom closet, and a large serving bar will give us plenty of space to prepare food for all occasions. This phase has been funded by private donors. New appliances have been graciously donated by Cookers for Christ. Phase II will include painting the entire room and adding new furniture. We intend to create two separate spaces within in the room. One side will have a cafe feel with a combination of tables, chairs and benches of various heights. Across the room will be a comfortable seating area/meeting space with couches, chairs, and a large television. This will be a space where our young adults, youth and small groups can host classes, meetings, Bible studies, and more.

We expect that we will need \$10,000 to complete Phase II, and we hope that you will help us make this happen. Listed on the back of this page are several sponsorship levels of giving toward this project. If you feel called to go above and beyond your normal tithing, please consider a donation to the Family Ministries Center project. Your support is greatly appreciated as we prayerfully bring this vision of growth within our church into reality.

Don't hesitate to reach out with any questions concerning the FMC Family Ministries Center.

In Christ's love,

Rev. Chris McNeill

Troy Hatchett  
Trustees Chairman

Lynsey Curtner  
Director of Family Ministries

# Family Ministries Center

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

<b>PATRON SPONSOR</b>	<b>\$100</b>
<b>BRONZE SPONSOR</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<b>SILVER SPONSOR</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<b>GOLD SPONSOR</b>	<b>\$1000</b>

All donors will be listed on a plaque inside the Family Ministries Center, unless anonymous donation is specified. **Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated.** Donations may be mailed or delivered to the First Methodist Church office at 2300 Ave H, Bay City, TX 77414. Please include the following form with your donation.

Donor Name:

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Mailing Address:

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Phone Number:

Please keep my donation anonymous.

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Circle Sponsorship Level: **PATRON**    **BRONZE**    **SILVER**    **GOLD**

Other Amount:

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*Thank you!*

Please write "FMC Family Ministries Center" on the memo line of your check.

*grow in grace*

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