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January 2022

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Thank you to all who have agreed to serve on committees for the next year. Meeting reminders will be emailed out for most meetings a week before the meeting date. If you receive a meeting reminder email and feel that it is in error, please contact the office. Thank you.

NEW SERMON SERIES

Plan to join us Jan. 9th during all 3 worship services for our new sermon series "*Forward to Normal*".

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
New Sermon Series						1
	2	3 9:30-Staff Mtg.	4 MEN'S COFFEE CONNECTION 8-Coffee Connection 9:30-UMW Gen. Mtg. 2-Pray & Play 219 6:30-Tues Eve Grp	5 6-Digging into Bible 6:30-Youth Bible Study 7-Revelation St.-Zoom 	6 1:30-Mahjong 118 6-Discipleship Mtg.	7
9 PASTOR'S COFFEE 8:15-Traditional Svc 9-Info "Fair" 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children's SS 10:30-Friends/Follow 11-Children's SS 11-Traditional Svc 11-Youth SS	10 9:30-Staff Mtg. 5:30-Upward Practice 	11 8-Coffee Connection 2-Pray & Play 219 5:30-Upward Practice 6:30-Tues Eve Grp	12 BRIDGE 1-Bridge Group 118 2-Heart for Home bound Mtg. WC 5:30-Upward Practice 6-Digging into Bible 6:30-Youth Council 7-Revelation St.-Zoom 	13 1:30-Mahjong 118 6-Trustees 219	14 5:30-Upward Practice	15
16 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children's SS 10:30-Info "Fair" 11-Children's SS 11-Traditional Svc 11-Youth SS 5-Jr/Sr High MYF	17 OFFICE CLOSED 9-Youth to Paintball 5:30-Upward Practice 6:30-Finance Mtg. 	18 CIRCLE DAY 8-Coffee Connection 9:30-UMW Circles 2-Pray & Play 219 5:30-Upward Practice 6:30-Tues Eve Grp 6:30-Women's Study 118 	19 5:30-Upward Practice 6-Digging into Bible 6:30-Youth Bible Study 7-Revelation St.-Zoom	20 1:30-Mahjong 118 6:30-Mission Mtg.	21 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 5:30-Upward Practice 6-PNO Wesley Hall 	22 UPWARD GAMES BEGIN TODAY!! 8-Upward Games WH-all day 
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FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church contributions for

NOV. 30, 2021:

NOV. Income - \$101,548.88

NOV. Expenses - \$124,144.49

YTD Income—\$1,210,864.82

YTD Expenses—\$1,093,543.97

WAYS TO GIVE -

Online giving

Via mail: 572 W. San Antonio St
New Braunfels, TX
78130

If you need assistance with online giving, please contact the church office 830-625-4513.

SYMPATHY

To **the Family of Norma Garvey** on the death of their mother on December 2.

To **the Family of Louise Persyn** on the death of their mother on December 6.

S.O.S. SUNDAY-FIRST SUNDAYS

Please remember to bring your canned goods on the first Sunday of each month, which has been designated as S.O.S. Sunday. All items received will be taken to the local S.O.S. Food Bank. There are baskets located in the Narthex and the side entrance hallway to place your items into.



S.O.S.
Food
Bank

**Next
Newsletter
Deadline:
Jan. 15th**



Your church family communicates online! Join the conversation at:
www.facebook.com/fumcnb

ALL CHOIRS

The Sonrise, Sanctuary and First Bells are NOT meeting the month of January due to the increased number of COVID cases and the fact that choirs practicing in small choir rooms and singing are "super spreaders". We want to be mindful of all our church family and choir members and err on the side of caution. We will have soloists, small groups, or other special music through the month.

An advertisement for "GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING WORKSHOPS". It features a red Christmas stocking with a white reindeer and a small Santa Claus figurine. The text says: "GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING WORKSHOPS", "Thursdays 10:00am-12:00pm", "Welcome Center", and "Bring your scissors and help to bring joy to children in area orphanages and foster care!".

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OFFICE CLOSURES

An advertisement for "MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY". It features a black and white portrait of Martin Luther King Jr. with his hand on his chin. The text says: "JANUARY 17, 2022", "MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY", and "CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED".

JANUARY 17, 2022

MARTIN
LUTHER
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ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MTG

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MTG. Meeting will be held **Mon., Jan. 31 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary.** This will be our first meeting of 2022 and we will be presented with the 2022 Budget; celebrate the ministries of 2021 and look ahead to the ministries and missions for the upcoming years. As a friendly reminder, FUMC NB Congregation are **ALL** members of the Admin Council. Again, **everyone** is invited/encouraged to attend! We hope to see you there. If you aren't getting emails from us and want to, please contact the church office and update us with your correct email address.

UMW NEWS



UMW JANUARY CALENDAR

January Circle meetings: Most will be January 18th, Tuesday. The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your new circle will meet. This is our opportunity to make new friends.

Kirkwood birthday party: No January Kirkwood birthday party.

January 4th General Meeting: 9:30 AM fellowship with light refreshments in Room 118 (Assembly Room) followed by program and business at 10 AM. Mary Circle is hostess.

United Methodist Women Summary of 2021

As far as meetings go—we came through a difficult almost half year followed by a cautious rest of the year.

For our field trip in July we “Zoomed” to Sierra Leone, Africa, to Kissy Hospital. Until the December luncheon the most fun we had was in June on a picnic in Landa Park with Eve Circle. It was delightful having fellowship with those we see less than we’d like.

We learned more about GAP food for weekend lunches for school children; about Connections for youth and families (some with no homes); we learned about bees. Maybe next year there might be a program on birds.

We had an imaginary rummage sale resulting in actual funds for missions—national and international church missions and eight (8) local non-profits.

As the 2021 year of our unit of United Methodist Women closed we celebrated the nursing students who received the Christine Brown nursing scholarships, we celebrated the lives of the three lovely ladies we lost, and we celebrated the opportunities for service yet to come.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



Heart for Homebound Ministry

A new visitation ministry will begin soon. Laity will visit our homebound members on a regular basis to provide a connection between them and the church. If you feel God calling you to become involved in this ministry, please attend an informational meeting on **January 12, 2022, at 2:00PM in the Welcome Center** at the church.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA APPRECIATION



A Christmas Cantata Thank You (2021 Edition)

On behalf of the FUMC NB Music program, I want to extend a special thank you to everyone involved in helping make the Christmas Cantata such a wonderful experience. I appreciate the kindness of the volunteers who helped set up and tear down the stage and thanks to the media team who worked on the audio and visual aspects of the cantata. Also, a warm thank you to Al Cunningham for making multiple practice CDs for the choir. We are also blessed to have talented speakers such as Carol Bissett and Amber Lujan who served as narrators for the Cantata.

The choir and bell choir started rehearsing the music in early October and I am so appreciative of the dedication these ensembles showed in practicing their music and being present at all of the rehearsals. I am also extremely grateful to Travis Davis for being such a talented and supportive accompanist. He instinctively knew when to help the choir and when to add appropriate embellishments. And finally, a heartfelt thank you to the talented members of the chamber orchestra which was comprised of church members and community musicians.

Sincerely,
Michael Kahl, FUMC NB Music Director

FROM THE WESLEY NURSE... MICHELLE TRUCHSESS, RN



WESLEY NURSE HOMELESS MINISTRY:

We are continuing to collect QUARTERS and LAUNDRY SUPPLIES!!
They will be distributed at Steve's Pantry.
(Detergent pods and dryer sheets)

For security, if donating quarters for laundry facilities, please place in the "Laundry Bank" located on church secretary's desk! Laundry Supplies can be placed in the "Helping Others bin in the main hallway.

Michelle Truchsess, RN, is a Wesley Nurse with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. (MHM). MHM's Wesley Nurse program is a faith-based, holistic health and wellness program committed to serving the least served through education, health promotion and collaboration with individual and community in achieving improved wellness through self-empowerment. Learn more at www.mhm.org.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

FUMC Families had a great time preparing for Christmas by visiting Night in Bethlehem! Big thanks to all the "shopkeepers" who led us in our journey!



Mark your calendars now for VBS 2022! Our work week is June 13. **VBS is June 20-24!**

January is often a time for New Year's Resolutions and fresh starts. Here are three things we can give to God in 2022! Consider how you can model these things with your children.

1. Treasure: Commit yourself to give faithfully and generously to the Lord. *Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.* Matthew 6:21. Do you want your heart to be in the things of God? Then put your treasures in the things of God.



2. Talent: God has gifted each believer in different ways. Everyone has something to offer for the work of the kingdom. *For just as each of us has one body with many members...so in Christ we, though many, form one body...We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.* Romans 12: 4-6



3. Time: Each morning you get 86,400 seconds to spend. God gives you that much to use each day. Not a single second is ever carried over to the next day. In Ephesians 5, the Bible tells us to *make the most of every opportunity.*

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2022

Parent's Night Out (PNO) is offered monthly as a time for parents to get away and enjoy some "grown-up" time while confident their children are well cared-for. Our nursery staff is CPR certified and has many years of experience.

PNO lasts from 6 – 9:30 pm and we do ask that you pick up your child(ren) on time. A craft is always provided, along with activities in our gym, outside (weather permitting), and in our classrooms.

Online Registration & Payment required at sign up.

Sign up at: fumcnb.org or link on FUMC Facebook page

Rates:\$10
per child
includes Pizza
and juice.



2022 Dates

Jan 21
Feb 18
Mar 18

Apr 15
May 20
June 17

July 15
Aug 19
Sep 16

Oct 21
Nov 18
Dec 9 AND Dec 16



The church nursery is available every Sunday morning during all 3 worship services. We care for ages Birth to Age 4. If you have any questions, please contact Mallorie at mallorie@fumcnb.org.

DISCIPLESHIP

Group	How / Where	When	Current Topic	Contact
Sunday School Classes				
Foundation	ZOOM	Sun, 9:15	1-2 Chronicles beginning in January	Jane & Al Cunningham cunningham.janellen@gmail.com aval802@aol.com
Revised Version	ZOOM	Sun, 1:00	<u>Why?</u> , video study by Hamilton	Jim Wright jimwrightgroup@netscape.net
Finders Keepers	Wesley Hall	Sun, 9:45	<u>Happy</u> , video study by Andy Stanley	Gary Spitzer gspitzer51@att.net
Friendship	Room 118	Sun, 9:30	<u>Faithful</u> video study by Adam Hamilton	Harris Lasseigne harrislass@aol.com
Harmony Seekers	Room 215	Sun, 9:30	Almost Christmas Wesleyan Advent Study	Beckie Stratemann bbstratemann@sbcglobal.net
S.A.L.T.	Room 100	Sun, 9:30	<u>Rules for Living</u> by Hamilton	Cathy Clark cat2bzar@gmail.com
Friends and Followers	Room 215	Sun, 10:30	Guided Discussions on Hamilton & Stanley sermon series	Adam Oliver aoliver2127@gmail.com
United Methodist Women				
Circle Groups	Check with leaders for mtg location	3 rd Tues, 9:30am 3 rd Wed 6:30pm	Various programs and Service projects	Emily Poling, president UMW tijranch@hotmail.com
Other Groups				
Pray and Play	Room 219	Tues, 2:00	Prayers, Chats & Table Games	Sharon Gray rgvsharon@sbcglobal.net
Dig into the Bible	Room 118	Wed, 6:00p.m.		Don Snyder, don@fumcnb.org
Bible Study	ZOOM	Wed, 7:00 pm	Revelation Study Sept 1-Apr 13	Jane Cunningham cunningham.janellen@gmail.com
Women's Study	Room 118 6-weeks	Tues., 6:30pm	<u>Now That Faith Has Come</u> by Beth Moore	Traci Owens
Men's Coffee Connection	Casa Garcia's	Tues, 8:00am	Breakfast and fun conversation	Pastor Don Snyder don@fumcnb.org

A Short-term Bible Study for Women

Beginning Tuesday evening January 11 at 6:30, Traci Owens will facilitate a brand new Beth Moore study, Now That Faith Has Come: A Study of Galatians. This six week study will meet in Room 118. It is open to all women.



Fostering Diversity and Inclusion

Two study groups have been learning more about topics such as:

Promoting social justice for all, Discovering our unconscious biases, Amplifying marginalized voices, Creating an inclusive community, and Building a more anti-racist community of faith. These study groups will continue into the spring semester with new book titles. Contact Lee Brinkerhoff for more information and meeting schedules. thebrinkerhoffs@att.net

DISCIPLESHIP

Women's Retreat "Choose Joy"

Ladies: Mark your calendars. The annual Women's Retreat returns and is scheduled for February 18 and 19. This year we will focus on a theme of "Love Yourself More," addressing ways we can care for ourselves, both inside and out. We decided this is the year for us to hear from some of our own design team members who will share their joys – and their struggles; their challenges – and their successes throughout the weekend. We look forward to hearing a word from our own Jeanne Buck, Lisa Jarman, and Sharon Gray!



We will return to beautiful Camp Capers near Comfort. Cost is \$105 for the retreat. Start talking to your friends and plan to attend! On Friday afternoon, we will have several outdoor activities available: Zip line, High swing, Climbing wall, and Disc golf. Friday evening we'll have the opportunity to participate in a painting project, similar to "painting with a twist." And we've built in an increased amount of time for relaxing, visiting with friends, or spending time alone.

Registration forms are on the Adult Bulletin board. Scholarships are available – contact Karen Andrews for registration details and scholarship information.

Day Trip coming soon

We were disappointed when the Immersive Van Gogh exhibit was postponed in December. However, we have rescheduled it for Thursday, March 24. We'll take a van to San Antonio for a late morning tour, followed by lunch on our own, and then return to the church by 3:30. Tickets are \$55 and are non-refundable.

See information on the Adult Bulletin board and contact Karen Andrews to register, karen@fumcnb.org. Please plan to sign up and pay by February 7.



Information "Fairs" for Connection Groups



Come meet some of our new group leaders! The opportunity has come to meet with group leaders for some of the new studies and on-going groups which will begin in January and February. We will have more detailed information for you as well as give you the opportunity to share what you desire to gain from small group participation. **Stop by for a visit in the main hallway and the Welcome Center on one or both of the following Sunday mornings: January 9th, 9:00 a.m. and January 16, 10:30 a.m.** We'll look forward to sharing our ideas and hearing yours!

DIGGING INTO THE BIBLE STUDY

We continue to dig into the Bible every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. We are meeting in person. The Bible is the book of our faith, but it can sometimes be difficult to understand. Every Wednesday evening we dig into the Bible and, together, discover what it is saying to us from the passage we are studying on that particular day and answer some of those difficult questions that pop up. We are currently studying the Old Testament and would love to have you join us every Wednesday at 6:00pm in person in room 118 at the church. There is no preparation or homework for the class and the only book you need is the Bible. If you would like to join the class, please email Pastor Don at don@fumcnb.org or just come to the church on Wednesday evening.

YOUTH GROUP...



JANUARY

Sun, Jan 2nd > NO MYF.

Wed, Jan 5th > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sun, Jan 9th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Wed, Jan 12th > No Bible Study. Youth Council at 6:30pm.

Sun, Jan 16th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Mon, Jan 17th > **Paintball!** There is no school today so we will be heading out to Lost Paintball in San Marcos. All Dads and Moms who want to play are invited (and needed)!!

Friends are always welcome as well. Meet at church (in Wesley Hall parking lot) at 9:00 am. Load up and caravan to Lost Paintball, located at [4701 Hilliard Road, San Marcos, TX 78666](http://www.lostpaintball.com).



We will start play at 10:00. The cost for the day is \$30.00 + tax per person for 500 paint balls and as much play time as we want. We will leave the paintball center at 1pm. and head back to the church for pickup. The price is for all day, so you are welcome to stay all day, but you are on your own for pickup back to the church. You are welcome to meet us at the paintball center if you live closer to that area. Lunch will not be provided so be sure to eat before you come, bring your breakfast with you, or bring a snack, if needed.

Wed, Jan 19th > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sat, Jan 22nd > Upwards BB begins. Youth will be working the concessions. Sign up coming soon.

Sun, Jan 23rd > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Wed, Jan 26th > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sat, Jan 29th > Upwards BB Game Day #2.

Sun, Jan 30th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.



Confirmation Info:

Feb. 27th – Confirmation starts for youth, 8th grade and up, as well as youth who have already taken it but wish to take again. Look for additional details soon. Contact Michelle Sonnen, michelle@fumcnb.org, for questions.



Volunteers are needed to coach, referee, evaluate, keep time/score, conduct half time devotions, set up the gym for practices/games and as members of our prayer team. This is a wonderful sports ministry for our church and a chance to instill Christian values back into competitive sports. **Get involved!** Contact Steve Fenton, Co-Director Upward Basketball FUMC NB email: nbupward@gmail.com

FROM SUSAN WEINAND, FINANCE COORDINATOR

It is with a heavy heart that I leave the position of bookkeeper at First United Methodist Church which I have served for the last 14+ years, but I have decided the time has come for me to start my retirement and spend more time with my husband, children, and grandchildren. I am excited about my impending retirement and want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for all the opportunities I have experienced in the fantastic years I have been working at First United Methodist Church. It has been a fulfilling experience and I have genuinely enjoyed my employment as the bookkeeper and the time spent serving you making the church what it is today. I will miss all of you and my coworkers when my retirement day comes.

Lacey Kraft, currently serving part-time as the bookkeeper at the church school, will be assuming my position as bookkeeper of the church in addition. Please come by to say goodbye to me and hello to Lacey.



PASTOR'S COFFEE

**Second Sunday
of every month**

**9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm
in Welcome Center**

**Beginning October 2021
Childcare available**



GENTLEMEN
let's get together for a great
breakfast and fun conversation!
HOSTED BY PASTOR DON
Join us weekly on Tuesdays

beginning October 12, 2021
8:00am at Casa Garcia
1691 New Braunfels St, 78130
Contact (830)-625-4513 or
don@fumcnb.org for info



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(Closed for lunch 12-1)

Friday 8am-12pm