



First United Methodist Church New Braunfels

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THE GOOD NEWS

https://www.fumcnb.org

572 W San Antonio St, New Braunfels TX

October 2022

IT'S PUMPKIN PATCH TIME AGAIN!!!

OCTOBER. For the Youth of FUMC, New Braunfels, this means one thing. **PUMPKIN PATCH** TIME! And you might find yourself asking, "WHY?" Why do our youth get so excited about these large orange fruits? (Yes, pumpkins are technically a fruit.) Well... the answers are varied and complex. Let's look at a few reasons why YOUR Youth might love our very special Pumpkin Patch... You might think it is because they, **YOUR** First United Methodist Church New Braunfels Youth, use these funds as scholarships to send youth on mission trips and summer camps when the costs of summer camp is just a little too high for a family this year and the child would otherwise not get to go. You might think it is because the Youth donate a percentage of the funds raised at Pumpkin Patch to charitable organizations like Relay for Life and Family Promise. You might think it is because a portion of the proceeds are used to support our own local River City Middle School Work Camp.

OR

You might think it is just because our youth are a bunch of strange kids who actually think of their church as a second home, their extended family, and they love to spend time with them doing fun stuff. All of these things are very true and I'm sure they are a part of why our Youth love the Pumpkin Patch. But ask them some time. You might be surprised by the answer. This is more than just a fundraiser to us. This is community outreach. This is local mission. This is tradition at its best. We have families who have taken group pictures at our pumpkin patch for over 20 years running. And some of those "kids" are now bringing THEIR kids to take family pictures at the Pumpkin Patch. People come to OUR church to buy something they could get cheaper at the grocery store for the experience of being at OUR CHURCH where they are welcomed and treated like God's children. This is not about Fall decorations using a strange orange fruit. This is about community, outreach, and building a strong sense of charity, selfreliance, and involvement in our kids. So seriously, our youth choosing to donate money for fighting cancer, supporting families struggling to get back on their feet, funding local mission. sending kids to Christian camps and sending our own kids out into the world to be the hands and feet of Christ on mission trips, not to mention the outreach and involvement in our community? What is there **NOT** to love about the FUMC NB Pumpkin Patch?!

But this only works when our **entire church family participates**. Did I mention you can sign up to man the sales booth at:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044aa4ab28aafc1-pumpkin3

OR by using the link on our FUMCNB website? If you have any questions, please contact Everett at everett@fumcnb.org. Be a part of the fun, the festivities, and the fellowship of OUR FUMCNB 2022 Pumpkin Patch! SIGNUP: Our Pumpkin Patch Signup Genius is already up and running on our website & Facebook page!





PRESENTATION

Sun., Oct. 16th

Rehearses Wednesdays 7:00-7:40pm October 5-December 11, 2022

Contact Michael at michael@fumcnb.org

5:30-MYF-Halloween Costume Party

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church contributions for **AUGUST 31, 2022:**

\$124,215.77 AUGUST Income -AUGUST Expenses - \$91,054.39

YTD Income— \$787,890.25 YTD Expenses—\$792,567.28

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 Jolene Oyer & Family. on the death of their father, John Oyer, on September 6.

HOW YOU CAN HELP.

We are asking each of you to please help us. If you or someone you know is in the hospital or going to have some kind of procedure, PLEASE let the church know so that we can be praying for you. Please call or email us to let us know what's going on. We want to be able to keep in touch and get updates on all our church family. Thank you!

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.



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



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

ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

ANNUAL CHURCH CHARGE CONFERENCE w/District Superintendent



SUN., NOV. 20 4:00PM HERÉ AT FUMC NB in the Sanctuary. Just like our regular Admin. Meetings, members are encouraged to attend. We will be scheduling a Pre-Conference Meeting prior to this date. Info coming soon.

NEW MEMBERS







Karen Ulan





Not pictured: Johnny Collander

> Blaine & Lacey Irby Emmarie, Brooks, and Baby Irby





JOIN PASTOR T FOR A 6 WEEK STUDY SERIES **BEGINNING OCTOBER 2, 2022**

SUNDAYS, 9:30am, ROOM 224

UMW NEWS



UMW OCTOBER CALENDAR

October 4th, General Meeting: 9:30AM for fellowship and refreshments followed by the program that references writing your family story, the Reading Program, and a Bible story with a little humor. We had hoped to hear from the Wesley Nurse, but Michelle had to be rescheduled to next year.

October Circle meetings: Most will be October 18th, Tuesday. The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your circle will meet.

Kirkwood birthday party: October (fourth Friday) Kirkwood birthday recognition with corsages from Petals To Go and cards from the Deborah Circle.

November General Meeting at 9:30AM in the sanctuary with a speaker about the stained glass windows. The program is by one of the makers of the windows. All church folks are invited.

The funds raised from the rummage sale were sent to: Our church youth group, Room Redux, UMCOR, SOS Food Bank, Salvation Army, Family Promise, and Southside Community Center. Also \$85 of quarters were given to the homeless ministry for use of laundry machines.

The annual UMW Hill Country District meeting was held in September in Kerrville at St. Paul's United Methodist Church. Five of our members attended.

The annual UMW Rio Conference meeting will be in San Antonio on Friday and Saturday, October 14 & 15. It will be in the Drury Hotel on Loop 1604. Last year the UMW Rio Conference meeting was here at our church with a nice turnout. Let's go enjoy the meeting this year without all the work. Registration information is on flyer below.



8th Annual Meeting United Women in Faith Rio Texas Conference

Friday and Saturday Oct. 14 and 15 Drury Plaza Hotel, San Antonio

Keynote speaker: Tara Barnes, National Director of Denominational Relations, formerly *response* magazine editor Host district: Las Misiones

Event registration: \$80 Hotel reservation deadline is Sept. 12. Event registration deadline is Sept. 30.

Scan the QR code at right for more information. Or register at umwriotexas.org/annual-meeting.





United Women in Faith

The **new name** for United Methodist Women is United Women in Faith. At this time both names are being used and that is fine to do. On the Rio Texas Conference website is the Purpose of United Methodist Women. The only change is the name. It now reads "The organized unit of Women United in Faith"...

COLLECTING FOR SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER

The standard items needed: Shampoo, Cream Rinse, Toothpaste, toothbrushes, combs, Diapers, wipes, Men's and Women's socks, underwear L, XL & XXL, Feminine hygiene products. Depends men and women, rain ponchos. They can always use paper towels,

toilet paper, or cleaning supplies. These are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Sincerely,

Rita Berry, Rep. SSCC



NEW GIFTS POLICY



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HOMEBOUND

The Administrative Council of First United Methodist Church New Braunfels (FUMCNB) unanimously approved a Gifts Policy at its recent meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022. This new policy was prepared and proposed by the Finance Committee and will apply to all future gifts and donations received by FUMCNB after that date. You may utilize the following URL/web address to access, review and save or print a copy. You can also go directly to our webpage under the Give tab and find all the information.

Alternatively, you may also contact the church office to request a copy.

URL/web address to Gifts Policy on our FUMC NB webpage: https://www.fumcnb.org/giftspolicy/

HEART FOR THE HOMEBOUND VOLUNTEERS WANTED

WANTED: Heart for Homebound is looking for a few new volunteers to help us on Wednesday afternoons as we visit our members who are no longer able to make it to church. We meet

at 1:30 in the Welcome Center and are usually finished with our visits by 3:30. Come join us any Wednesday afternoon. We have such a good time visiting and learn so much from those we visit. We always go out two by two so no one ever goes alone. Please come and give us a



try! The more visitors we have, the more people we get to see! Feel free to contact Martha Harrison (<u>mimiharrison@sbcglobal.net</u>) with any questions you might have.

ALL SAINTS DAY-NOV. 6TH

Sunday, **November 6, 2022**, is a day set aside to celebrate the memory of saints of First United Methodist Church: those members of our congregation who have died during this past year and whose memory we revere, whose deeds we recall, and whose life experience we acknowledge continues to affect us even today.

Through special music, liturgy, and a time of remembrance at each of our services, we will give thanks to God for the life and death of these saints and recognize the common bond between the church on earth and the church triumphant in God's love. During the time of remembrance, each person will be named and a candle lighted in his or her honor. We acknowledge through



this celebration that we are a part of a timeless, developing history; an on-going story of salvation that continues in us and with us as we continue our pilgrimage toward God and the heavenly banquet where all of those who have so richly blessed our lives will be gathered.

We hope to share this service of remembrance with you. If you are unable to attend in person, you can always watch the livestreams of the services which can be accessed on our webpage fumcnb.org.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Third Grade Bibles

FUMC will present Third Grade Bibles to all third graders on Sunday October 16th during all three services. If you have a third grader, or even fourth or fifth grader who has not received a Bible, please notify Amber Garcia with the correct spelling of your child's name and which service you attend. You may do so by emailing Amber Garcia at amber@fumcnb.org NO LATER THAN Sunday, October 2nd to ensure that your child's name is included in the bulletin.





Children's Sabbath

Along with Third Grade Bibles, Children's Sabbath will also take place on October 16th. The children will be performing a skit, singing with the choir, and helping greet, usher and acolyte. If you have a

kiddo who would like to participate, please contact Mallorie at mallorie@fumcnb.org or Amber at amber@fumcnb.org.

Rise

We had a GREAT kick off for our preteen group last month! We will be having our second meeting on **October 9**th **from 4-5:30 in Room 118**. We look forward to seeing all 4th and 5th graders!



NIGHT? BetHeHeM

Advent Workshop

Coming December 4th the CFM (Children and Family Ministry) will host A Night in Bethlehem for FUMC families. This will be a great time to prepare our hearts for the experience of Christmas! More details to follow. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Mallorie at Mallorie@fumcnb.org or Amber at amber@fumcnb.org.







OTHER CHURCH HAPPENINGS...

2022 FAMILY PROMISE

Host dates: April 17, July 10 October 9, 2022



FOR INFO, CONTACT:

Amanda Collins 830-515-7677 collinsfamily1595@gmail.com or Dan Collins 830-743-7701 dcollins221@gmail.com

BECOME A SERVANT!

WATCH FOR SIGN-UPS COMING SOON FOR OVERNIGHT HOSTS, MEALS, & GROCERIES

THANK YOU FOR STUFF THE BUS

From Christine Watson with Communities in Schools... We want to extend our deep appreciation to you and your church for being a collection site for school supplies. Your partnership in this event has allowed us to provide students the necessary tools to begin the school year with confidence and excitement.

On behalf of the thousands of students and families we serve – **THANK YOU!**

The Day School currently has openings for the following classes:

Toddlers (1 and walking by Sept. 1)

4 years (4yrs. before Sept. 1)





PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2022



2022 Dates

Jan 21 Feb 18 Mar 18 Apr 15
May 20
June 10*

*date changed

July 15 Aug 19 Sep 16 CANCELLED
Oct 21

Nov 18
Dec 9 AND Dec 16

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.



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

Several of our newly formed Interest Groups are busy and going strong. And all continue to encourage / invite new participants.

The Gardening Group We have a guest speaker coming on Thursday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. Sara Dyckman has ridden her bike over 10,000 miles tracking the journeys of the Monarch Butterfly. She will speak to us about her travels, the book she has written, and the importance of these amazing animals. Contact Vicki at vfreeman@earthlink.net

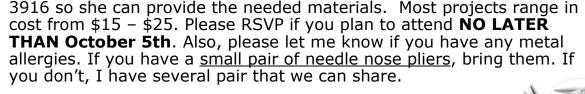
Are you a hobbyist / artist / crafter? Come join the "Life HACs" on the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 6:00, generally in Room 219.

October 10 – Intro to jewelry-making

November 14 - Creating a lantern centerpiece (Christmas or Thanksgiving – themed)

December 12 – Creating no-sew Christmas ornaments

It is important to RSVP to cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com or call Cindy Bennett at 830-708-





NOTE: **RSVPs are required** because some of the activities have limited spots available. Many activities require supplies that the presenter must purchase ahead of time and a head count is necessary in order to have supplies for everyone; in some cases, the number of participants attending determines

the cost. With that being said, please RSVP if (after saying you would attend) you are unable to attend.

Classical Music Lovers: Karen Akkerman and her fellow classical music lovers enjoy attending concerts and recitals featuring classical music performances. The group gathers as they are available to enjoy great music. Karen does a wonderful job of communicating with the group and arranging for tickets. Contact Karen Akkerman, kakkerman@gmail.com if interested.



Short-term Study at 11:00 on Sunday mornings

What is your dream for life? What do you think is God's dream for your life? Spend a little bit of time in the coming weeks looking at The Big Picture, a new 5-week video and book-based study on Joseph from Genesis.

Study dates will be from September 25–October 23, from 11:00 – noon on Sunday mornings, in Room 224.

Whether you think you know where your life is going, or if you feel as if you are scattered and confused, we ALL need dreams. And maybe we'll even discover what God's dream is for us. Come take a closer look at Joseph – and yourself. Facilitated by Karen Andrews.



DISCIPLESHIP



CRUISE WITH FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH NEW BRAUNFELS HOSTED BY DON & SHERRY SNYDER JAN. 29,2023-FEB. 5, 2023

Get ready for seven days of tropical cruising around the Caribbean when you set sail with the Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas from Galveston and back again.

This trip is particularly interesting because you will only visit unusual stops such as Roatan, Costa Maya, and Cozumel. This route is a common one for the Allure of the Seas.

The Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas Over 5,400 people can comfortably set sail on this highly-rated OASIS class ship, based in the Caribbean and refurbished just two years ago in 2020.

The Royal Caribbean Allure of the Seas is home to some of Royal Caribbean's exclusive features such as a bar with a robotic bartender, the Flowrider artificial surf wave, and an escape room. On top of that, experience rare features like an ice skating rink and a roller skating rink.

The Allure of the Seas also offers a waterslide, four pools, a minigolf course, a basketball court, an outdoor movie theater, a spa, a casino, a gym, a solarium, eleven Jacuzzis, and a ping pong table.

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch meets at local eateries at 11:30am on the last Tuesday of each month. Email Terry.Snipes@gmail.com for upcoming gatherings of this informal group.



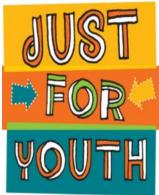


1st Sunday will be Name Tag Sunday. Please wear your church name tag to worship.





YOUTH GROUP SCOOP...



Sat, Oct. 1st> Fall Fest (4:00-8:00 p.m.), put on by the Children's Ministry at the church. All youth, children, friends, and families are invited.

<u>Sun, Oct. 9th></u> MYF will be meeting at the Landa Park sand volleyball pits for food and good times.

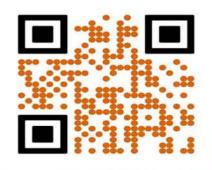
Mon, Oct 10th> Student holiday in Comal and New Braunfels ISD, no school!

Sun, Oct. 23rd> No 11:00 Sunday School; MYF as normal

<u>Sun, Oct 31st</u> > HALLOWEEN PARTY for MYF 5:30-7:30 including costumes and food, in Wesley Hall.







PUMPKIN PATCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Scan QR code or visit https://www.fumenb.org/youth to signup!





WE NEED VOLUNTEERS, TRUCKS & TRAILERS TO MOVE EQUIPMENT/SETUP AT LANDA PARK BEFORE AND AFTER SERVICE

- NOVEMBER 13, 2022 PLEASE CONTACT PASTOR T IF YOU CAN HELP!
THERESA@FUMCNB.ORG

MUSIC MINISTRY

Invitation to "Make a Joyful Sound" To God! Whether you're in middle school or eligible for senior citizen discounts at Denny's, please consider trying out the choir, it's a lot of fun and it doesn't matter if you read music or don't know how to read music, no worries, the main thing is you have a desire to worship God through music. Here is information about the two choirs, please contact the director, Michael Kahl for more information at michael@rfumcnb.org or (830) 625-4513 ext. 113.



Sonrise Choir – 7:45 a.m. rehearsal in choir room, sing anthem during 8:15 a.m. service.

Sanctuary Choir – Wednesday evening rehearsals every week (for Fall Season beginning Oct. 5) 7:40-8:15 p.m. Sunday rehearsals at 10:30 a.m., sing anthem during 11 a.m. service.

There are now two bell ensembles, please consider trying one out. Here is information about each ensemble. Please contact the director, Michael Kahl for more information at michael@rfumcnb.org or (830) 625-4513 ext. 113.

United Bells (New group) – 5-5:50 p.m. on Wednesdays in Room 213. This group is for beginners and intermediate musicians who want to learn how to play bells.

First Bells – 6-6:50 p.m. on Wednesdays also in Room 213. This group is for intermediate and experienced musicians who are familiar or comfortable with playing bells and can learn music fairly quickly.



Join the Choir to Sing
The Christmas Cantata

Christmas Cantata rehearsals will begin on Wed., October 5th in the sanctuary from 7-7:40 p.m. This is a great opportunity to try out the choir or invite someone to sing in the choir on a limited basis. There will be eight Wednesday rehearsals, a dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 10 and then the Cantata on Sunday, December 11th at the 8:15 and 11 a.m. services. If you are interested or have questions please contact the director, Michael Kahl at michael@fumcnb.org or (830) 625-4513 ext. 113.

FAITH STITCHERS



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

Our FUMC Shawl Ministry has a new name. We are now the Faith Stitchers! The change reflects the broadening of our outreach. In addition to the prayer shawls and baby blankets we've been making, we are also creating hats, scarves, bookmarks and other small reminders of God's love. Some of these will be distributed to the home bound in our congregation as well as the homeless in our community. If you know of a person or group that could use some comfort, please call Harriet Sollberger at 210-391-6190.

The Faith Stitchers group will be meeting on **October 11th at 1pm** in the parlor (Rm 100).

Knitters and crocheters are welcome!



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Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8am—4pm (Closed for lunch 12-1)