



# **First United Methodist Church New Braunfels**

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# E GOOD NEWS

572 W San Antonio St. New Braunfels TX

March 2023

# LENTEN SCHEDULE

#### LENTEN SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

#### **Schedule for Wednesdays**

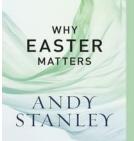
- 5:30—Contemplative Worship and Communion
- 6:00—Catered dinner in Wesley Hall
- 6:30—Bible Studies Begin
- 7:00—The evening concludes

#### Options available each Wed. for All:

- **Children through 5th grade**—Pizza dinner and PNO-type activities.
- · Adults—"The World of Jesus" study developed and led by Pastor Andrew. 6:15pm in Wesley Hall
- · Young Adults—(20's-30's) "How Not to Save the World" led by John Garcia 6:30pm in Room 219
- · All—Sanctuary Choir 7:00pm
- · Adult Dinners, \$7 per person.

Week 2: Enchilada Casserole

You can use the QR code to the right or in the Sunday bulletin you will find a tear-out to turn in each week (or you can fill one out for all of lent) to let us know that you'll be joining us for Lenten Dinner and Bible Study. This will give us the headcount needed for the caterers.

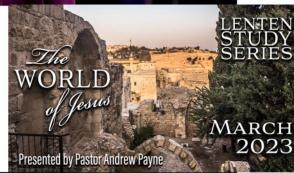


## **New Short Term Study Series**

Sundays - 11:00am March 5-26, 2023 Room 215

> Facilitated by Mallory Cluiss





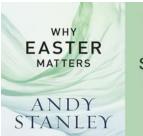


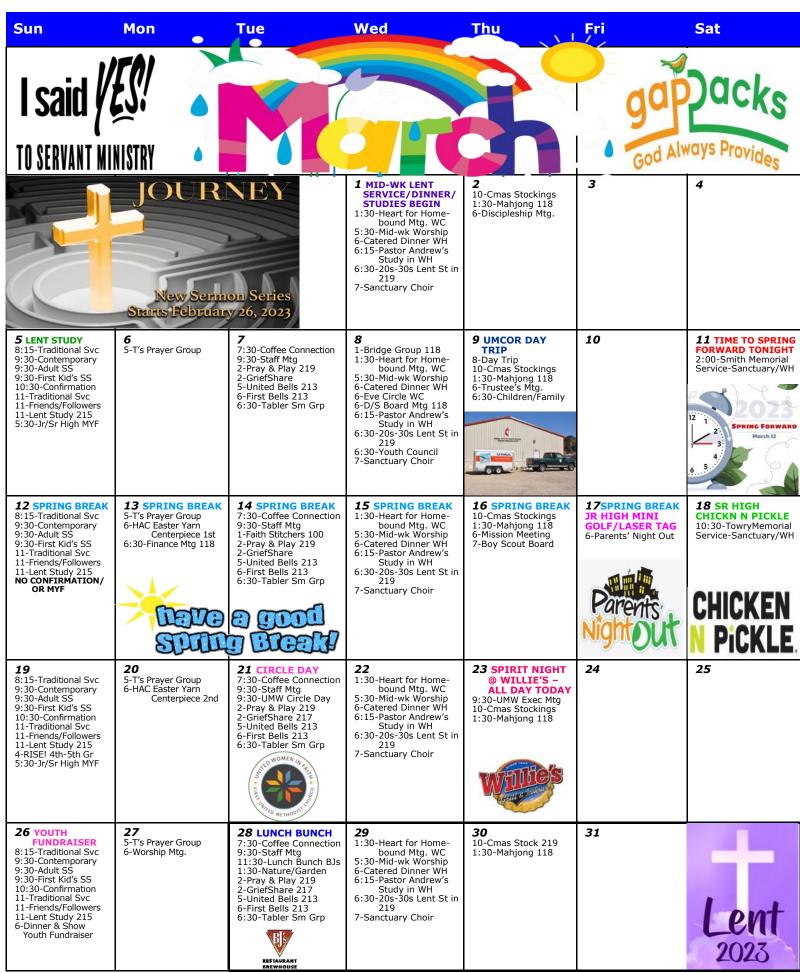
# GAP PACKS - PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY DRIVE!

Starting in March, SNAP recipients will see a decrease in the amount of their household's SNAP benefits due to federal guidelines. Since April of 2020 each household was receiving additional benefits. This cut, plus the cost of inflation could make households struggle even more to get food on the table. Help us be able to fill in the GAP for these families.

We are currently feeding 95 households that equal 280 kids.

Each month we use 100 jars of peanut butter and 100 jars of jelly.





# **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

The Church contributions for **JANUARY 31, 2023:** 

JAN. Income— \$104,108.53 JAN. Expenses— \$79,464.10

YTD Income— \$104,108.53 YTD Expenses—\$79,464.10

#### **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 **Family of Barron Schlameus** on the death of their family member on February 25th.



#### 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: Mar. 15th



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



Mar. 1-Midweek (Wed's) Lenten Worship, Dinner & Studies 5:30-7:15pm

Mar 5-26-Lent Study: "Why Easter Matters"

Apr 2-Palm Sunday

Apr 6-Maundy Thursday

Apr 7-Good Friday

Apr 9-Easter Sunday

Apr 30-May 7-Family Promise Host week

May 21-Senior Sunday

May 28-Confirmation Sunday

June 11-16-Youth to Camp Eagle

June 12-16-Rise Camp (4th & 5th Graders)

July 9-14-River City Work Camp

July 17-21-VBS Prep Week

July 24-28-VBS Week

Aug 6-13-Family Promise Host week

Oct 1-Family Promise Host week

Oct 7-Fall Fest

# CONGRATULATIONS

To <u>Wesley and Trisha Michalec</u> on the birth of their son, Wyatt Charles, on February 13.





You don't want to be late for church on Sunday, March 12th! Turn your clocks **AHEAD 1 HOUR** on Sat. night and be sure to check your batteries in all your smoke detectors.

# **UWF NEWS**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> General Meeting** (Room 118)- Karen Akkermann Reading Program. Mary Circle Hostess

**April 4<sup>th</sup> General Meeting** (Room 118) – Easter Program by Pastor Theresa Booth. Joy Circle Hostess



Circle Meetings March 21st and April 18th

Our evening Circle, Eve Circle, meets the 2<sup>nd</sup>
Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the church Welcome Center. We would like to invite all (young and young at heart) to join our Circle. We are currently making no-sew blankets for Fosters and Parma, mats from plastic for the Homeless in our community.

**Kirkwood Nursing Home** is now the last Friday each month at 3 p.m.

March birthday cards and flowers-Mary Circle

April birthday cards and flowers-Ruth Circle



**SAVE THE DATE**: Hill Country District UWF "Day Apart" will be hosted by FUMC-NB UWF on Saturday April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Will include morning session followed by lunch.

Registration begins soon.

If you are interested in becoming a part of United Women in Faith (UMW) we would love to have you visit.

# COLLECTING FOR SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER/SUNRISE VILLAGE

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



## THANK YOU CHURCH FAMILY

Dear Church Family,

During my recovery from surgery, I have received cards, food, visits and rides to appointments.

It is easy to feel cared for at FUMC.

Thank you, Gail Doerr



# **CHOIRS**





# **HANDBELL CHOIRS**





# **FUMC DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION**

Our Day School is still registering and has open spots in the Toddler and 2-year-old class. If you have questions, please contact Kellie Smith, Director, at 830-608-1724 or email dayschool@fumcnb.org.

We are registering for:

**Toddler**: 1 year (1 year and walking before Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Day School**: 2 years (2 years before Sept. 1st)



# **FIRST KIDS**

#### **WE'RE HIRING NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

The church is looking for a few people to love on our kiddos in the nursery! This is a paid position and has very flexible hours. Applicants must be over 18 years old and should email <a href="mailto:mallorie@fumcnb.org">mallorie@fumcnb.org</a> to apply.



**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30AM** We meet upstairs in the Children's Wing and are currently doing a Disney Bible Study.

#### **RISE**

Rise will be moving to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month. **March 19**<sup>th</sup>

April 16<sup>th</sup>
May 21<sup>st</sup>
June **NO** Rise
July 16<sup>th</sup>
August 20<sup>th</sup>
September 17<sup>th</sup>
October 15<sup>th</sup>
November 19<sup>th</sup>
December 17<sup>th</sup>



**RISE CAMP** (formerly known as 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade VBS) June 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>



VBS Prep week July 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> VBS July 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

**ADDITIONAL DATES:** FALL FESTIVAL October 7<sup>th</sup>

CHILDREN'S SABBATH/3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE BIBLES October 22<sup>nd</sup>

**ADVENT WORKSHOP** December 3<sup>rd</sup>





# DAY SCHOOL SPRING FLING

### SPRING FLING: APRIL 1st 2-6 PM

Everyone is invited to attend our FUMC NB Day School's Spring Fling here at the church. This is a yearly fundraiser for

our school. There will be carnival games, face painters, cookie contest, pony rides, barrel train rides, and more!







# **DISCIPLESHIP**



If you would like to join Karen on Wednesdays for our FUMCNB Midweek Moment, go to the Facebook page & search "FUMCNB Midweek Moment" where you will click "JOIN GROUP". Questions, contact karen@fumcnb.org.

#### **HEART FOR HOMEBOUND VOLUNTEERS 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 <a href="mailto:mimiharrison@sbcglobal.net">mimiharrison@sbcglobal.net</a> with any questions you might have.



# **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2023**



2023 Dates
Apr 21 July NO Pl

May 19 June TBD July NO PNO Aug 18 Sep 15 Oct 20 Nov 17 Dec 8 & Dec 15 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: <a href="mailto:fumcnb.org">fumcnb.org</a> 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 <a href="mailto:mallorie@fumcnb.org">mallorie@fumcnb.org</a>.

Jan 20

Feb 17

Mar 17

# **DISCIPLESHIP**



**THE GARDENING GROUP** Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 28th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 118. Please contact Vicki Freeman if you plan to attend. Contact Vicki at <a href="mailto:vfreeman@earthlink.net">vfreeman@earthlink.net</a>



ARE YOU A HOBBYIST / ARTIST / CRAFTER? COME JOIN THE "LIFE HACS" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening of each month at 6:00, generally in Room 219 or Wesley Hall. RSVPs are **always** needed. Upcoming Plans: Mar 13-Easter center piece; Apr 10-Intro to crochet.



**CLASSICAL MUSIC LOVERS:** Classical Music Lovers—Contact <a href="kakkerman@gmail.com">kakkerman@gmail.com</a> (Karen Akkerman) This groups attends concerts and recitals together as available. Karen does a great job of informing the group about tickets & arranging meeting places. Upcoming events: Mar 24, April 28, all at 7:00 New Braunfels Chamber Music at Unitarian Universalist Church.



**TRAVEL MINISTRY:** Travel Ministry—Contact <a href="mailto:karen@fumcnb.org">karen@fumcnb.org</a> (Karen Andrews) or <a href="mailto:don@fumcnb.org">don@fumcnb.org</a> for cruises (Don Snyder)

Karen coordinates most Day trips, domestic, and international group travel.

**Coming up**: March 9, we will travel to Kerrville to tour and volunteer at the UMCOR warehouse; April 1, walking tour of Canyon Lake Gorge, April 12, Bob Bullock Museum in Austin.



**DINNERS FOR 8**—Contact <u>karen@fumcnb.org</u> (Karen Andrews)

Eight people (singles and couples) have 4 meals together over a period of 4 months. In homes, at restaurants, or a combination. February—May groups will be forming in January. Contact Karen to sign up.



GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS—Contact piacaruso@msn.com (Pia Caruso)

Gatherings Thursday mornings at 10:00—noon in Rm 219
This group amballishes Christmas Stockings for children wh

This group embellishes Christmas Stockings for children who are in the care of the state. Simple sewing and a heart for marginalized children are all that is required.



**FAITH STITCHERS**: Faith Stitchers — Contact <a href="mailto:hsollberger@gmail.com">hsollberger@gmail.com</a> (Harriet Sollberger) Gatherings 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00, Rm 100.

These stitchers knit and/or crochet shawls, lap robes, and other signs of care for those who have suffered loss or hurt. Items are prayed-over by the group before they are distributed. **Our next group meets on Tues., March 14 in Rm. 100.** If you know of a person or group that could use some comfort, please contact Harriet Sollberger.



**LUNCH BUNCH:** Lunch Bunch— Contact <a href="mailto:susan9coss@gmail.com">susan9coss@gmail.com</a> (Susan Coss)
Gatherings last Tuesday of the month, 11:30, at various restaurants around town. Susan announces the location by email early in the month. RSVPs are requested so she can make reservations. March 28th we are gathering at BJ's Restaurant at Creekside.



**HOLY SMOKES**—Contact <u>robbysarvis@gmail.com</u> (Robby Sarvis)

This new group loves grilling and smoking great meats! They enjoy sharing their skills and learning new skills for meals at the church and beyond. Contact Robby for upcoming plans.



# **DISCIPLESHIP**

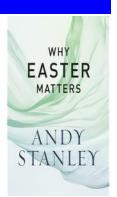
FAITH STITCHERS: Our Faith Stitchers group gathers monthly to knit or crochet prayer shawls, scarves, hats and other tokens of love. We bless them with prayers for whoever will receive them. They are meant to be a tangible sign of God's love for those in the midst of difficulties, but not all needs for comfort come to our attention. **We need your help**. If you or someone you know could use some encouragement, please feel free to choose an item from our table in the Welcome Center. Recently our ministry stitched over 50 valentine hearts for delivery to our Heart for the Homebound members. Last year we made them butterflies for Easter and we've created lots of hats for a ministry in Africa. New babies in our church family receive handmade baby blankets. If you're interested in joining us, we meet the 2nd Tuesday at 1pm in Room 100.

#### LIFE HACs-MARCH

March 13th we will get together to make string Easter basket decorations! We will meet in Wesley Hall at 6:00pm. This will be a two day activity so please plan on attending the following Monday, March 20, as well. We will be in Room 219 on the 20th.

If you plan on attending please call or email Cindy Bennett at 830-708-3916 or cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com.

Beginning March 5 - March 26, "Why Easter Matters", a 4 week, video-based study from Andy Stanley. Karen Andrews and friends will facilitate this study which looks at some surprising key characters in the Easter story who teach us a lot about trusting and surrendering to God, following Christ, and building a foundation for our faith. Plan to join us Sunday mornings 11am in Room 215.



# GENTLEMEN

let's get together for a great breakfast and fun conversation! HOSTED BY PASTOR DON

Tuesdays, 7:30am at Casa Garcia

Contact (830)-625-4513 for more information



# 3 SPRING DAY TRIPS

Thursday, March 9 - We'll take a van to visit the UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) warehouse in Kerrville for a tour and to assemble Health Kits. We will learn a lot about UMCOR while working on a project to help others who are in disaster situations. Depart the church at 8:30, work at the warehouse, lunch together on our own in Kerrville, return about 4:00. Cost \$10 per person to help offset cost of van rental.



A "long ago" trip to UMCOR Sager



Saturday, April 1 – We'll take a private, Brown in LA. guided tour of the Canyon Lake Gorge. This walk, led by local experts, is about 11/4 miles; there are ups and downs but is considered a very easy hike with stops and photo opportunities along the way. We will meet at base of the hike on Access Rd at 9:30. Lunch together (on our own) at an area restaurant following the tour. Cost is \$20 per person for the tour, payable by Sunday, March 26. Adults, families, and children 7 yrs and older are welcome on this exploration.

**Wednesday, April 12** – We'll take a van to Austin to visit the Bob Bullock Museum of Texas History. Depart the church at 9:00 a.m. spend time at the museum (with an optional video **Shipwrecked**,) have lunch together on our own, and return about 4:00. Cost is \$28 for admissions and to help offset cost of van rental.



# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP...



## HERE ARE THE DATES FOR MARCH:

Sun, Mar. 12<sup>th</sup> > First Sunday of Spring Break, no MYF, Sunday School, or

Confirmation

Fri, Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> > Junior High (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade) Mini Golf/Laser Tag Event –

details to come **Sat, Mar. 18<sup>th</sup>>** High School (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) Chicken 'n' Pickle Event – details to come

Sun, Mar. 26<sup>th</sup> > Youth Fundraiser Night, Dinner and a Show, sign-ups and tickets available now!

Sun, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup>> Palm Sunday, Youth Extreme Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. in place of Sunday School/Confirmation

Sun, Apr. 9<sup>th</sup>> Easter Sunday, no MYF, Sunday School, or Confirmation

#### **2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE:**

- •April 9<sup>th</sup> Easter
- •April 30<sup>th</sup> Family Promise, no SS or MYF
- •May 21<sup>st</sup> Senior Sunday
- •May 28<sup>th</sup> Confirmation Sunday
- •June 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> Camp Eagle
- •July 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> River City Work Camp
- •July 30<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcoming
- •August 6<sup>th</sup> Family Promise, no SS or MYF
- •August 13<sup>th</sup> Back to School Bash
- •October 1<sup>st</sup> Family Promise, no SS or MYF
- •November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving
- •December 10<sup>th</sup> MYF Christmas Party
- •December 30<sup>th</sup> New Years Adam Lock-in
- \*Some dates subject to change\*







#### YOUTH SUNDAY

Our Youth Group did an **AMAZING** job on Youth Sunday leading all 3 worship services. God is doing GREAT things in our congregation! Thanks to all of you for your love & support of our youth!



#### **CAMP REGISTRATION:**

Registration is now open for both camps that our Student Ministry participates in during the summer months. We will be going to **Camp Eagle June 11<sup>th</sup>-**16<sup>th</sup>, and the cost for that camp is \$549, which includes a \$100 deposit to save your space. Our youth will once again be holding **River City Work Camp** this summer. Dates for River City are **July 9**<sup>th</sup>-**14**<sup>th</sup>, and the cost will be \$100 to cover food, lodging, and activities for the week. Adults interested in volunteering to help with the work camp are also welcome at no cost. Contact Everett (everett@fumcnb.orq) to get registered for these camps and/or with any questions that you may have.



#### **DINNER AND A SHOW FUNDRAISER:**

On Sunday night, March 26<sup>th</sup>, our youth will be hosting a fundraiser for our summer camp scholarship fund. This money goes to help pay for students to attend either or both of our camps who otherwise could not due to budget constraints and is an incredible blessing to our community of youth. Ten percent of the proceeds are also donated to a charity chosen by our students as a way to give back to our community and practice biblical giving. Tickets for the dinner are now available, which include the cost of admission to the Youth Variety Show and a full dinner to enjoy while you watch, served by members of our very own Youth Ministry. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Everett (<u>everett@fumcnb.org</u>).

# **MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: "SAY YES!"**

#### SAY YES! TO SERVANT MINISTRY.

In the hallway outside of the main office door is a ministry display of areas where there are places for you to plug into.

From the Music Ministry to Worship from Children and Youth to Adult and behind the scenes. Each area has its own card. Pray about where you feel you can be in ministry and check the specific line, then give us your contact information and put it in the basket. We will be in contact with you and help you get plugged into ministry.

Here is an example of Worship opportunities:

- \*Ushers (collect offering on Sunday mornings)
- \*Hosts (greet people, offer welcome bags, help them find the areas they are looking for)
- \*Camera assistant— help run the camera in worship or other events
- \*Audio assistant help run audio in worship or for other events
- \*Computer assistant— help with the graphics that appear on the screen during worship and other events.

If you have any questions, please contact the church. We would love to talk with you.

Let's SAY YES! TO SERVANT MINISTRY !!!!



# 2023 FAMILY PROMISE

Host dates:

Jances 50, April 30, August 6, October 1, 2023



# FOR INFO, CONTACT:

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

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**Church Office Hours:** 

Monday-Friday 8am-4pm (Closed for lunch 12-1)