



First United Methodist Church New Braunfels

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

THE GOOD NEWS

<https://www.fumcnb.org>

572 W San Antonio St, New Braunfels TX

September 2022

IT'S GAP PACK TIME—SHELVES ARE EMPTY!!

It is time to fill the **GAP Pack** pantry again so we can continue to feed food insecure children this Fall. This ministry is entirely funded and run by **FUMC NB** and its members. **Your support is vital!**

We supply bags of food for children to take home for the weekends. The families are identified through Communities in Schools and campus counselors. We support 8 local schools.

We will be collecting donations from **September 4-25**. You can drop off on carts just inside the Mill St. door.

- *What do we need? See updated shopping list
- OR** if you prefer,
- *Drop a check in the mail or at the church office. Just mark it GAP Pack Ministry on the memo line.

(We are still unable to purchase in bulk—please shop accordingly.)

**Over 200
children
are
counting
on us!**

SHOPPING LIST Updated 8/2021

Mixed fruit—individual plastic cups

Applesauce—individual plastic cups

Cereal—individual boxes

Chicken—canned, no more than 12.5 oz.

Tuna—canned, no more than 12.5 oz.

Peanut butter--plastic jars, no larger than 24 oz.

Jelly—plastic squeeze bottles—no glass, please

Ramen noodles—single serving packs, not soup, no Styrofoam please

Macaroni and cheese—boxed, no Styrofoam, please

Microwave popcorn

Pudding—snack pack plastic cups 3.75oz

Granola bars

Peanut butter-filled crackers

Oatmeal—single serving packs

Cheez Its or Goldfish crackers—single serving packs



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11 RISE! MEETS PASTOR'S COFFEE 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children SS 11-Traditional Svc 11-Friends/Followers 11-Youth SS 4-Rise Preteen Group 5:30-MYF 	12 5-T's Prayer Group 6-Hobby/Arts/Crafts WH & Kitchen	13 GRIEFSHARE 7:30-Coffee Connection 10-Staff Mtg 1-Faith Stitchers 100 2-Pray & Play 219 5:30-GriefShare 217 6:30-Tabler Sm Grp 	14 1-Bridge Group 118 1:30-Heart for Home-bound Mtg. WC 6-D/S Board Mtg 219 6-Digging into Bible 6-Youth Council 6-Eve Circle 6-Handbells 213 7-Sanctuary Choir	15 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 2-Don's Vintage Grp 7-Boy Scout Board	16 6-PNO-WH 	17 8:30-Hope Hospice Memorial Service
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FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church contributions for
JULY 31, 2022:
JULY Income - \$92,608.00
JULY Expenses - \$114,961.23

YTD Income— \$663,674.48
YTD Expenses—\$701,621.13

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.

OFFICE CLOSURES



The office will be closed on Mon., Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen Tues., Sept. 6 at 8am.



The office will be closed on Fri., Sept. 23 for Fair/Parade Day. We will reopen Mon, Sept. 26 at 8am.

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:
Sept. 15th**



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

TEXAS RAMP PROJECT

Great big **THANK YOU** to this awesome group who built another ramp for one of our Texas neighbors who needed assistance getting in and out of their home. **THIS** is being "the hands and feet of Christ". Watch your emails for sign-up to help next time we are offered the opportunity to build another ramp.



ARCHIVES/HISTORY

Please remember if you are leaving any photos for our Archives/History Committee in their mailbox at the church, **PLEASE** always add a note on **each** photo regarding who is in the photo and what was going on (i.e., church event, VBS, etc...). Do **NOT** just leave photos with no explanation.

Thank you, Archives Committee

UMW NEWS



UMW SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

September General Meeting: Cover dish supper at 6 PM, fellowship 5:30 PM on first Tuesday, September 6th. There will be no morning general meeting, but rather dinner with Eve Circle.

September Circle meetings: Most will be September 20th, Tuesday. The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your circle will meet.

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

October General Meeting at 9:30 AM in Room 118 (Assembly Room). Program by Michelle our Wesley Nurse. Come, learn about all the many services of the Wesley Nurse.



THANK YOU to all who supported the recent UMW Rummage Sale! It was a great success with all of us working together. We had volunteers from UMW, our youth, and our church members who: Helped bring our racks & boxes from the storage area and set them up, set up tables for display, donated items to sell, carried items in from cars, priced items, purchased pizza & sandwiches for workers, worked on rummage sale day, carried items to cars for customers, helped with check out & in the various areas to make sure items were properly displayed, tested electric items to make sure they worked, AND helped box leftovers and get them to appropriate places to donate, put up tables & chairs, took racks down and placed our boxes & racks back into storage AND then cleaned and mopped Wesley Hall so it would be ready for Sunday School the next day!!! WHEW.....

AND (drum roll) ... we cleared over \$5000 that will be donated to organizations/charities. (Stay tuned in future newsletter articles for a list of where the proceeds will go.)

A very important benefit of our rummage sale is that we give items to organizations...it's not just about money! We gave items to: Humane Society (blankets and bedding for the animals), Petals to Go (flower vases-they provide flowers monthly for our Kirkwood birthday parties), Habitat Restore (furniture and many other items), Dress for Success (clothes for job interviews for ladies who need

them), NB library (books), Southside Community Center (items appropriate to low income older adults), Goodwill (leftover clothes, toys and other items), and a special thank you to the Comal County Crisis Center who came Saturday morning and took many items from all areas for their thrift store.

And of course, we are a community of women.... we deepen friendships and make new friends! After 2 years without the Rummage Sale we now know the true meaning of this song.... "The more we are together, together, together...the more we are together, the happier we'll be".

THANK YOU TO ALL!

Your tired, grateful & very happy United Methodist Women



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 and 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



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 (mimiharrison@sbcglobal.net) with any questions you might have.



1st Next Step Class

Have you been visiting
and want to know more?

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

SUNDAYS, 9:30am, ROOM 224



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.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES

Sunday School Leaders NEEDED!

We are still needing Sunday School Leaders for both 9:30 and 11 AM. Please contact Amber at amber@fumcnb.org to volunteer or get more information.

NEW Preteen Group!

We are so excited to announce that we will be starting a preteen group called Rise! We will have our kickoff party on Sunday, September 11th from 4-5:30 pm. There will be an obstacle course bounce house, snow cones, gaga ball, and snacks. We would love to see everyone there!! Rise will be held every 2nd Sunday of the month from 4-5:30. We will focus on building friendships, learning about Jesus, and doing outreach projects in our community. Please let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to seeing y'all soon!



Promotion Sunday

On September 4th all children will promote to the next age/grade level for their Sunday school hour! At this time we are still needing Sunday School Leaders for both Sunday School hours. Please email amber@fumcnb.org with questions.

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.



Bibles must be ordered, labels made, and wrapped for presentation. So please, start sending me those names now! We will announce the third grade bible class soon so please be on the look out.



CHILDREN'S SABBATH Along with Third Grade Bibles, Children's Sabbath will also take place on **October 16th**. Stay tuned for more details.



OTHER CHURCH HAPPENINGS...

Come on out to our Fall Fest at FUMC! There will be food, games, bounce houses, and SO much more! Admission is free. See you there!



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!

The Day School currently has openings for the following classes:

- Toddlers (1 and walking by Sept. 1st)
- 3 years (3 yrs. before Sept. 1st)
- 4 years (4 yrs. before Sept. 1st)

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2022



2022 Dates

CANCELLED
Jan 21

Feb 18

Mar 18

CANCELLED
Apr 15

May 20

June 10*
*date changed

July 8*

Aug 19

Sep 16

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

Fall group events for September and beyond. Here are some options you'll want to consider:

Dinners for 8 is re-grouping for fall. Three dinners, September – November. In homes or in local restaurants. No rules, just a chance to get to know new friends. Contact terry.snipes@gmail.com or sign up on the adult bulletin board.

The Gardening Group has a day trip planned for Wednesday, September 21 to the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin. Signup will be on the adult bulletin board. We'll lunch together after our visit to the farm. 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? A new monthly group, "HACs" will begin gathering on the 2nd Monday evening of each month at 6:00. The plan?

Making homemade soap, September 12 in Wesley Hall kitchen.

Intro to jewelry-making, October 10 in Room 219.

Creating a Christmas centerpiece, November 14 in Room 219.

Creating no-sew quilted ornaments, December 12 in Wesley Hall Kitchen.

Most projects will have a cost of between \$5 and \$15, to be announced prior to each meeting.

Contact Cindy Bennett at cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com.

The Hobbies, Arts & Crafts Group (HAC) will be learning how and making soap on Monday, September 12, in Wesley Hall Kitchen from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

All are welcome but if you're planning to attend, **you must RSVP to:**

cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com Or call Cindy at 830-708-3916 (**space is limited**). Fee for this activity will range from \$15 to \$25, depending on the number of participants. Participants must bring safety goggles and a thick pair of rubber gloves that cover the wrist!



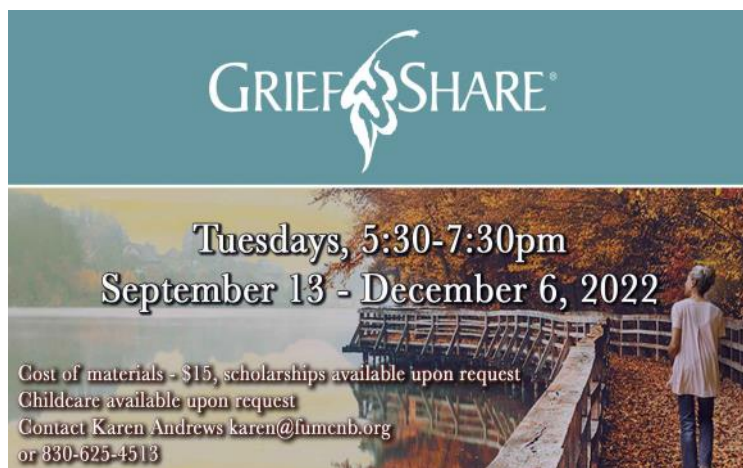
Short-term Study at 11:00 on Sunday mornings

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 (not Jesus's earthly dad, but 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.

Religious History Study has been cancelled at this time per the facilitators. If & when they resume, we'll update info.



DISCIPLESHIP

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

Classical Music Lovers: Karen Akkerman is constantly on the lookout for concerts and recitals in interesting venues featuring classical music performances. This group gathers as they are available to enjoy great music. Karen does a wonderful job of communicating with the group and making arrangements for tickets. Contact Karen Akkerman, kakkerman@gmail.com if interested in joining.

JOIN US FOR A TRIP TO IRELAND IN OCTOBER 2023!

The FUMC **travel group** and **music ministries** are working together for an exciting trip to Ireland October 2 – 10, 2023. We will make a grand loop around much of the Emerald Isle, visiting such sights as The Ring of Kerry and Blarney Castle, the Cliffs of Moher, lovely villages, Waterford Crystal, and Dublin. Those interested in participating in the music program will have the opportunity to perform in Christ Church Cathedral and other historic churches. Non-musicians will have options for other activities during musical performances.

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.



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP...

GET TO KNOW EVERETT MANSUR!!!! WE ARE SO GLAD HE'S JOINED OUR TEAM.



Everett Mansur is excited to be the new Director of Student Ministries at First University Methodist Church New Braunfels. The son of a children's and youth pastor, he has been a consistent volunteer and counselor with youth groups and camps since high school. He graduated college from Baylor University in 2017, where he also met his wife Sydney whom he married last March. He has worked as a middle school and high school teacher at a private school in Selma, Texas, for the past four years and looks forward to bringing all of his experience working with young people to the table in this new role.

Upcoming Events:

Sun, Sept. 4th > Youth Sunday School starts back at the 11:00 service in the youth rm.
> Jr/Sr High MYF 5:30-7:30pm in Wesley Hall.

Mon, Sept. 5th > Labor Day, no school!

Future Dates:

Fri, Sept. 23rd > Fair Day, no school!

Sun, Sept. 25th > Pumpkins delivered for Pumpkin Patch (2:00 p.m.). Volunteer sign-ups forthcoming.

Sat, Oct. 1st > Fall Fest (4:00-8:00 p.m.), put on by the Children's Ministry. More details forthcoming.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me. My e-mail is everett@fumcnb.org, or you can catch me at youth on Sunday night before or after service.



Pumpkins will be here on Sun., Sept. 25! We need as many people as we can get to unload the pumpkins. Pumpkins will be in boxes and on pallets. If you aren't physically able to help haul pumpkins, there will be opportunities for ALL to help work at the patch taking payments, greeting visitors to our patch, helping visitors take photos and setting up decorations. More info to come soon.

MUSIC

SONRISE SINGERS

Rehearsals begin
August 28, 2022
Sundays, 7:45am
Choir Room

Contact Michael Kahl, Director of
Music at michael@fumcnb.org
or 830-625-4513 for info



SANCTUARY CHOIR

Starting August 24, 2022

Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm - Choir Room

Contact Michael Kahl, Director of Music
michael@fumcnb.org or (830) 625-4513 ext. 113 for more info

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
September 13th at 1pm in the parlor (Rm 100).

Knitters and crocheters are welcome!

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



NEW START TIME!

Tuesdays, 7:30am at Casa Garcia

1691 New Braunfels St, 78130

Contact (830)-625-4513
for more information



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