



First United Methodist Church New Braunfels

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THE GOOD NEWS

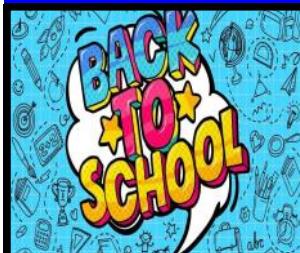
<https://www.fumcnb.org>

572 W San Antonio St, New Braunfels TX

August 2022



RIVER CITY WORK CAMP 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
	1 9:30-Staff Mtg.	2 UMW SET UP 8-Coffee Connection 2-Pray & Play 219 6:30-Tues Eve Grp 6:30-Biased Study	3 UMW DROP OFF/SET UP DAY 8-Rummage drop off 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible	4 UMW SET UP 8-Rummage set up 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 6-Discipleship Mtg.	5 UMW RUMMAGE SALE 8-7 Rummage Sale - WH  A benefit for missions	6 UMW CLEAN UP 9:30-Rummage Sale Clean up 
7 SOS SUNDAY 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children SS 11-Friends/Followers 11-Traditional Svc 6-MYF	8 6-Worship Mtg. 6:30-Finance Mtg.	9 8-Coffee Connection 10-Staff Mtg 1-Faith Stitchers 100 2-Pray & Play 219 6:30-Tues Eve Grp	10 1-Bridge Group 118 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible 6-Youth Council 6-Eve Circle	11 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 6-Trustee's Mtg. 6:30-Unclobber Study	12  Summer Office Hours 8am-12pm	13
14 PASTOR'S COFFEE 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Childrens 11-Traditional Svc 11-Friends/Followers 12-Ireland Trip Preview-117 6-MYF Bowling Night 	15 ADMIN COUNCIL MTG 6:30-Admin Council Mtg. 	16 CIRCLE DAY 8-Coffee Connection 9:30-UMW Circles 10-Staff Mtg 2-Pray & Play 219 6:30-Tues Eve Grp 6:30-Biased Study 	17 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible	18 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 7-Boy Scout Board	19 6-PNO-WH 	20
21 BACKPACK BLESSING/ PROMOTION SUN 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children 11-Friends/Follower 11-Traditional Svc 5-MYF Back to School Bash 	22	23 8-Coffee Connection 10-Staff Mtg 10-Nature/Gardening 2-Pray & Play 219 6:30-Tues Eve Grp 	24 CHOIR RESUMES 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible 7-Sanctuary Choir 	25 9:30-UMW Exec. Mtg. 10-Stockings 1:30-Mahjong 118 6:30-Unclobber Study 6:30-Mission/ Outreach Mtg.	26  Summer Office Hours 8am-12pm	27
28 7:45-Sonrise rehearsal 8:15-Traditional Svc 9:30-Contemporary 9:30-Adult SS 9:30-Children 10:30-Sanc Choir Reh 11-Friends/Followers 11-Traditional Svc	29	30 8-Coffee Connection 2-Pray & Play 219 6:30-Tues Eve Grp	31 HANDBELL CHOIR RESUMES 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC 6-Digging into Bible 6-Handbells, 113 6-Youth Bible Study 7-Sanctuary Choir 		BACKPACK BLESSINGS On August 21, 2022, bring your backpacks to church for a blessing!	

FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church contributions for
JUNE 30, 2022:

JUNE Income - \$83,310.26
JUNE Expenses - \$104,026.77

YTD Income— \$570,621.67
YTD Expenses—\$587,821.20

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.

FROM PASTOR ANDREW...

Dear First,

On behalf of my family and I, I want to thank you for the warm welcome you have given us. We are very blessed to be here at First UMC, serving Christ with you. I want to thank you particularly for the gifts the children's ministry gave my boys and the welcome you gave at a reception.

Changing appointments is always a lot of anxiety for pastors and our families. You made this a grace filled experience. Thank you!

In Christ,
Andrew

SO. VERY
thankful
INCREDIBLY
grateful
UNBELIEVABLY
blessed.

THANK YOU

To My Fellow European Travelers,
I would like to thank EVERYONE who helped me get around on our wonderful trip to Germany, Austria, Switzerland & The Passion Play. Without your assistance with the wheelchair and steadying me on the steps & inclines, I would not have been able to enjoy my time in Europe—and I truly did have a good time!

I thank our Lord every day for my friends and church family.

Sincerely,
Pat Keller



Your gift in support of the affected families and victims of Robb Elementary School is gratefully received.

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:
Aug. 15th



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

**First United Methodist Church
Uvalde, Texas**

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 AUGUST CALENDAR

No August General Meeting: Rummage sale week—set up, sale, clean up. See below.

August Circle meetings: Most will be August 16th, Tuesday. The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your circle will meet.

Kirkwood Birthday Party: August 26th (fourth Friday) Kirkwood birthday recognition with corsages from Petals-To-Go and cards from the Mary Circle.

September General Meeting will be a supper with Eve Circle at 6 PM. Still Daylight Saving Time with light the drive home.



UMW RUMMAGE SALE 2022 is here!

As a reminder, bring your donations on **Wednesday, Aug. 3 - 8AM-6PM**.

All are welcome to come help receive and place items in the appropriate areas.....and the bonus prize is pizza for lunch!

***ITEMS WE ACCEPT: clothing and shoes (all sizes), housewares, arts & crafts, books, jewelry, furniture, linens, plants, yard items...anything that you might see at a garage sale...

ITEMS DO NOT ACCEPT: computers, electronics, TV's, mattresses, commodes, or anything broken or not sellable, tapes, patterns, magazines.

We are not going to be able to pick up items from homes this year. We will be able to help carry lighter boxes and will have dollies available.

FRIDAY, AUG. 5 - 8AM-7PM

Come and purchase some of our great items! Clothes \$2 per bag that we will provide shoppers. Masks are highly recommended and will be available for those who need one.



SATURDAY, AUG. 6 – 9:30AM Come to Wesley Hall to help us clean up, pack leftover items. AND.....THANK YOU for your continued support of our rummage sale..... ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO LOCAL MISSIONS! We look forward to seeing you this year!

The **new name** for United Methodist Women is United Women in Faith. At this time both names are being used and that is all right to do. Change can be difficult, but there has been so much change in our lives with the pandemic, we are used to managing change. (We don't always like it, but we manage with prayers and trust in God's presence.)



United Women in Faith

COLLECTING FOR SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER/SUNRISE VILLAGE

Please help us by donating to SCC/Sunrise Village. Most needed items are personal care items; cleaning supplies, paper towels, toilet paper and other paper goods would be appreciated. There is a box in church office that you can leave your donations in so I can pick them up and deliver them either to Southside or Sunrise Village (the Senior Low income apartments). Thank you for all your support.



FROM THE WESLEY NURSE... MICHELLE TRUCHSESS, RN



WHAT YOU CAN DO IF YOU ARE AT HIGHER RISK OF SEVERE ILLNESS FROM COVID-19

Are you at higher risk for severe illness?

Based on what we know now, people who are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 include:

- Older adults

People of any age with the following:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic lung diseases
- Cystic fibrosis
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
- Disabilities
- Heart conditions
- HIV infection
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Mental health conditions
- Overweight and obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorders
- Tuberculosis

Here's what you can do to help protect yourself:



Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines



Wear a well-fitting mask when recommended



Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces



If you have symptoms, test soon and treat early



Wash your hands often



Monitor your health daily

Call your healthcare professional if you are sick.

For more information on steps you can take to protect yourself, see CDC's [How to Protect Yourself](#).

cdc.gov/coronavirus

LOADS OF LOVE

A MINISTRY OF THE WESLEY NURSE IN COLLABORATION WITH FUMC & GUMC

We are collecting laundry supplies and quarters for our homeless neighbors and for the underserved in our community! Thank you for your support!



Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc.
Serving Humanity to Honor God • 512-999-4829 • www.mhm.org



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 "Loads of Love" bin in the church office.

The Wesley Nurse of Methodist Healthcare Ministries is taking new clients. If you are an uninsured member of this community or know of someone that meets this criteria, please contact Michelle R. Truchsess, RN by **email or text/voicemail** to set up an appointment.
mtruchsess@mhm.org

Wesley Nurses' New Ph#: 830-308-7731

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

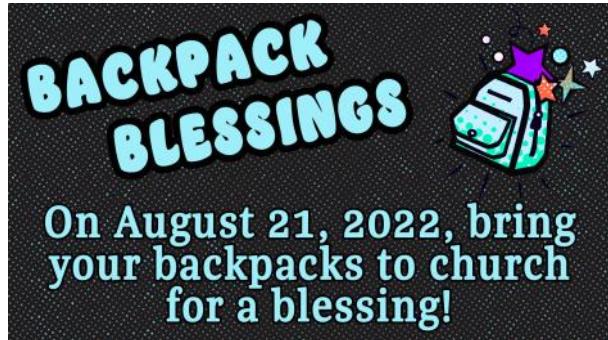


Promotion Sunday is August 21st for all kids Sunday School classes. Please check in at the iPad station before taking your kids to class. Classes will only be available at 9:30.

Backpack Sunday is also August 21st. Invite friends, grandkids, college kids, all students and teachers, to come celebrate Back-to-School with a special blessing. Bring your backpack to receive a tag to remind you all year long that you are loved and prayed for at FUMC! Just a reminder, Sunday school teachers will not be taking them to the worship service for backpack blessing. If you want them to receive their backpack tags at the 9:30 service, keep them with you and then bring them to Sunday school after.



Third Grade Bibles. It's time to start preparing for our 3rd graders to receive their bibles from the church. **ANY** 3rd grader you know is more than welcome to participate in a special service on October 16th. However, their names and contact information **MUST** be given to amber@fumcnb.org **NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 18th**. 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.



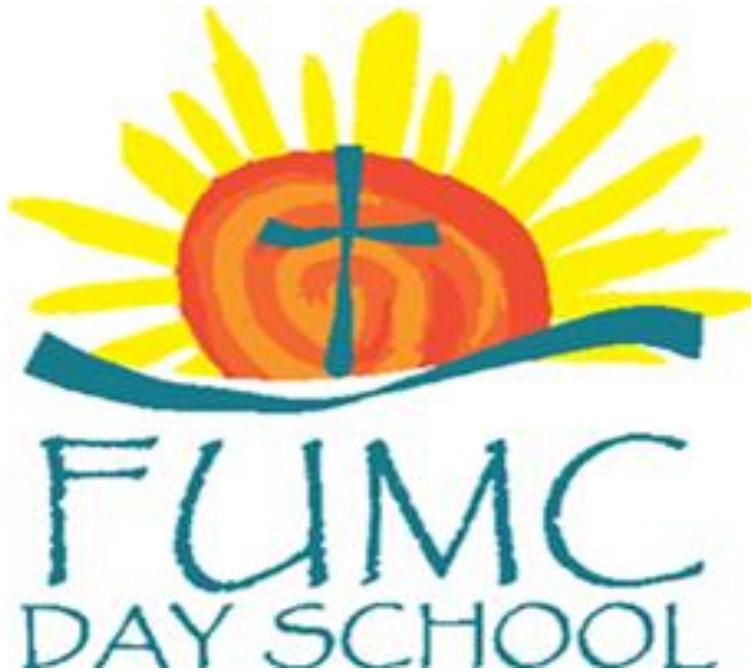
CHILDREN'S SABBATH will also be on October 16th.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED. If you are feeling pulled to get involved and love working with children we've got the perfect spot for you! We are in need of both Sunday school teachers and substitutes for the 9:30 hour. If you would like to volunteer or you want more information please contact Amber Garcia at amber@fumcnb.org. The kids and I are so grateful to have you! All leaders must go through the www.safegatherings.org training.



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!

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

Group	How / Where	When	Current Topic	Contact
<i>Sunday School Classes</i>				
Foundation	Room 217	Sun, 9:15	Ester beginning in August	Jane & Al Cunningham cunningham.janellen@gmail.com aval802@aol.com
Revised Version	ZOOM	Sun, 1:00	<u>Lord's Prayer</u> , by Adam Hamilton	Jim Wright jimwright41@gmail.com
Finders Keepers	Wesley Hall	Sun, 9:30	<u>When Christians Get It Wrong</u> by Hamilton	Gary Spitzer gspitzer51@att.net
Friendship	Room 118	Sun, 9:30	<u>Invitation to Psalms</u> by Jenkins	Donna Huser donnahuser@yahoo.com
Harmony Seekers	Room 215	Sun, 9:30	<u>The Chosen</u> based on TV series, Season 1	Beckie Stratemann bbstratemann@sbcglobal.net
S.A.L.T.	Room 100	Sun, 9:30	<u>Christianity's Family Tree</u> by Hamilton	Cathy Clark cat2bzr@gmail.com
Friends and Followers	ZOOM	Sun, 10:30	Guided Discussions on Hamilton & Stanley sermon series	Adam Oliver aoliver2127@gmail.com
<i>United Methodist Women</i>				
Circle Groups	Check with leaders for mtg location	3 rd Tues, 9:30; 3 rd Wed 6:30	Various programs and Service projects	Emily Poling, president UMW tjrranch@hotmail.com
<i>Other Groups</i>				
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.	Isaiah	Don Snyder, don@fumcnb.org
Diversity and Inclusion	Room 118	Tue 6:30 Thurs 6:30	<u>Unclobber</u> by Colby Martin or <u>Biased</u> by Jennifer Eberhardt	Lee Brinkerhoff thebrinkerhoffs@att.net
New Studies	See Adult Bulletin Board for new Interest Groups and Studies forming now			

GRIEFSHARE

The schedules of our GriefShare leaders did not allow us to offer a summer rotation of the grief support group. We will return in early Fall. Please contact Karen Andrews in August for the upcoming schedule.
karen@fumcnb.org



GRANDMA'S CHRISTMAS STOCKING WORKSHOPS

Thursdays 10:00am-12:00Pm
Welcome Center

Bring your scissors and help to bring joy to children in area orphanages and foster care!

DISCIPLESHIP

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

Here is information for some of these groups:

Gardening and Nature: meets on the 4th Tuesday morning of the month, generally in Room 118. This group has had great, initial programs, including inviting birds and pollinators to your garden, and avoiding invasive plant species. We also had a wonderfully informative guided walk through Landa Park. We are planning a fall day trip to the Ladybird Johnson Wildflower Center during October. Come join us. Contact Vicki Freeman for more details, vfreeman@earthlink.net

New Groupings of Dinners for 8 will begin in September. Sign up to be a part of a dining group for the upcoming 4 months. Four meals in 4 different homes (or restaurants—each group chooses their locations and menus.) It's a great way to meet new people or deepen friendships with those you already know. Signup by contacting Terry Snipes, terry.snipes@gmail.com or on the Adult Bulletin Board.

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.

Join Music Director, Michael Kahl and Discipleship Director, Karen Andrews for an informative **trip preview at noon on Sunday, August 14, in Room 217**. We will have brochures, registration forms and more trip details ready to share.

RELIGIOUS HISTORY GROUP

We meet on Thursday nights at 6:30pm in Rm 215. The Religious History group studies events in history leading to Methodism in America and its development. We are currently following a study of the Reformation Era and the development of practices and doctrine/confessional beliefs. We have just finished an initial look at the Henrician Reform where Henry VIII, in a strictly political move but bound and shaped by his faith, rejected the Rome authority and reshaped the Christian church in England. Come and join us, in person or by Zoom, and watch this story unfold. **We will be taking August off, but will resume Sept. 1.** Contact Steve Freeman (281-389-1503 or taperfree@earthlink.net) if you are interested in joining us.



**GENTLEMEN**
let's get together for a great
breakfast and fun conversation!
HOSTED BY PASTOR DON
Our group meets **WEEKLY** on **TUES.** mornings.

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

Dinners for 8

Dinners for 8 is a great way to meet others from church that you may not know. Groups consists of a mix of singles and couples that get together once each month, for 3 months during the fall, starting in September. You share a meal at a local restaurant, participants' home, picnic or combination. (your groups choice)

Sign up today!
EMAIL: TerrySnipes@gmail.com to be added to the list!



YOUTH GROUP SCOOP...

AUGUST

Tues, Aug. 2nd > 2pm – 5pm in Wesley Hall to help set up for Rummage Sale.

Wed, Aug. 3rd > 9am-6pm in Wesley Hall. Rummage Sale Help. We will help unload, sort, and set up for the sale.

Thurs, Aug. 4th > 9am-6pm in Wesley Hall. Rummage Sale Help. We will help unload, sort, and set up for the sale.

Fri, Aug. 5th > Rummage Sale Day. 9am – 6pm.

Sun, Aug. 7th > MYF, 6-8pm.

Sun, Aug. 14th > Bowling Night, 6-8pm. More details to come.

Sun, Aug. 21st > Back to School Bash! 5-8pm. More details to come!

Tues, Aug. 23rd > 1st Day of School!



CAMP EAGLE was amazing as always! Our Youth had a wonderful week getting closer to God & each other as a group. We are so blessed to be able to have this experience each year. See photo below of the group from this year. & a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the Adult Chaperones who made it possible for our youth to attend by giving up their week of work to go to camp.

THANK YOU MICHELLE, EMILEE & JEFF!!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

The choir and handbell programs will begin rehearsing and participating in worship every week starting on the following dates in August.

- Sanctuary Choir – Wednesday, August 24, 7-8 p.m. in the choir room or sanctuary
- Sonrise and Sanctuary Choir- Sunday, August 28
 - Sonrise Choir – rehearsal at 7:45 (choir room) and 8:15 a.m. worship
 - Sanctuary Choir – rehearsal at 10:30 (choir room) and 11 a.m. worship
- First Bells – Wednesday, August 31, 6-6:55 p.m. in room 213.

If enough people are interested, an additional handbell ensemble will form in September for those who are new to handbells or want more instructions on the basics of playing an instrument. You do not need to know how to read music but be willing to learn the basics such as rhythm and identifying notes on the staff. Please contact Michael Kahl for more information or if you are possibly interested in participating in this ensemble. It is going to be fun! Anyone over the age of 12, are encouraged to participate.



4TH @ FIRST BBQ RESULTS

THANK YOU, CHURCH!!!

Our 4th at First BBQ was a huge success, AGAIN, this year. Thanks to all of your generosity, we were able to raise \$22,000 to benefit Comal County Crisis Center. They

want you all to know how appreciative they are for our generous donation which will help them in rebuilding after the devastating fire.





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Custodian - Part Time

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Summer Church Office Hours:

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

Friday 8am-12pm