

# First United Methodist Church New Braunfels

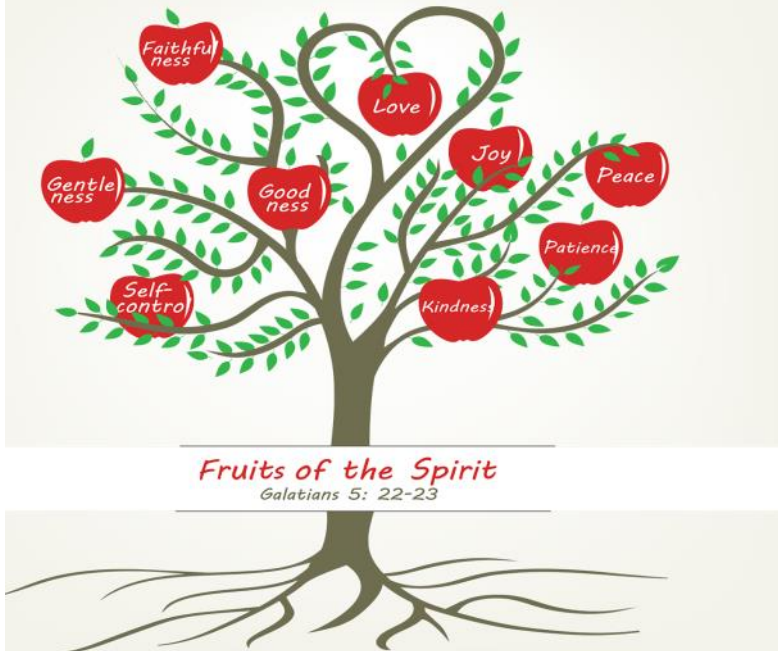
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## THE GOOD NEWS

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572 W San Antonio St, New Braunfels TX

January 2023



## New Sermon Series: Fruits of the Spirit

January 8, 2023

## Beginning the New Year in the Spirit

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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 prior to the meeting date. If you receive a meeting reminder email and feel that it is in error, please contact the office. Thank you.**

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## FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church contributions for

**NOVEMBER 30, 2022:**

NOV. Income— \$96,375.47

NOV. Expenses—\$80,452.24

YTD Income— \$1,075,561.95

YTD Expenses—\$1,062,455.52

### 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 **Penny Cooper** on the death of her husband, Doug Cooper on December 5th.

To **Betty Rust** on the death of her husband, Clifford Rust, on December 7th.

To **Family of Jan Smith** on the death of their mother on December 7th.

To **Family of Judy Ermis** on the death of their mother/sister on December 16th.



Deepest Sympathy.

### 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.



Your church family communicates online! Join the conversation at:  
[www.facebook.com/fumcnb](http://www.facebook.com/fumcnb)

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

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** after the 11-worship service **EVERYONE** is invited to join us for a catered lunch in Wesley Hall.

We will be celebrating 2022 and thanking all of our volunteers!



Jan 22-Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon  
Jan 24-Apr 18 GriefShare  
Jan 29-Church Cruise  
Feb 12-Youth Sunday all 3 services  
Feb 17-18-Women's Retreat- Camp Capers  
Feb 19-Confirmation class begins  
Feb 19-Reception for Bill McGuire-WH  
Feb 22-Ash Wednesday  
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-Fam Prom host week  
Oct 1-Fam Prom Host week  
Oct 7-Fall Fest  
Oct 2-10-Ireland Trip  
Oct 10-16-Scotland Extension  
Oct 22-Children's Sabbath/3rd Grade Bibles  
Dec 3-Advent Workshop  
Dec 10-Christmas Cantata  
Dec 24-Christmas Eve Services

### WE WILL BE CLOSED ON



### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSURE

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of the MLK, Jr. Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 17 at 8am.



## UMW NEWS



### UMW JANUARY CALENDAR

**January 3<sup>rd</sup>, General Meeting:** 9:30 AM in Room 118 for gathering and refreshments. Deborah Circle is host. 10 AM call to order and program on mission giving by the treasurer.

**January Circle meetings:** The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your circle will meet. Third Tuesday for day circles and second Wednesday for the evening circle.

**Kirkwood birthday party:** January (fourth Friday) Kirkwood birthday recognition with corsages from Petals To Go and cards by Joy Circle.

## WELCOME NEW PRESIDENT, BECKY WRIGHT!!

### Summary of 2022

There was a variety of programs in 2022. Some were specific to mission giving—the Pledge Service, the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, and the World Thank Offering.

In 2022 we sent \$7,782 to the Hill Country District of UMW for the many missions supported around the world by the United Methodist Women.

There were outside speakers, one environmental about preserving the night sky; another from the local non-profit, Comal County Crisis Center; and also one of the two designers and makers of the beautiful stained glass windows in our sanctuary.

Pastor Theresa performed a moving Easter monologue as she spoke as Mother Mary expressing her observations and feelings during the suffering of Jesus.

On a lighter note, there was a play/game show promoting the Reading Program. That was fun!

There were two evening dinners—one in June where the two departing pastors and their very involved wives were honored and the other supper was in September welcoming the new pastor, Andrew, and his wife.

The rummage sale was back after two years off. The funds raised went to a UMW national mission (Southside Community Center in San Marcos) and a church international mission (UMCOR, United Methodist Committee on Relief). Monetary support went to four local non-profits—SOS Food Bank, Room Redux, Family Promise, and the Salvation Army—and to two local church related organizations—the MYF and quarters to Loads of Love.

There was a collection for Blue Santa, just as it has been for several years at the December luncheon. The \$500 donated helped support the local police department in gifting children in New Braunfels who may otherwise do without. That brought us close to \$14,000 for mission as we strive to fulfill The Purpose “to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.”



### 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

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

### **A Christmas Cantata Thank You (2022 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.

The choir and bell choir started rehearsing the music in 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

### **Information about a possible New Concert Band Ensemble for 2023**

Because there are opportunities for members and guests to participate in a choir or ring handbells, I thought it might be fun to offer a Concert Band ensemble for people who like to play an instrument such as a brass, woodwind, strings or percussion instrument. Many of us played in band or orchestra in junior high or high school but haven't had much of an opportunity to play since that time. Or, if you are a youth currently in band or orchestra, this is an opportunity to share your talents in a church setting. Gail Sailors, who is a church member, an accomplished musician and musical arranger has agreed to be the director of this ensemble.

The plan is to rehearse and play for six weeks and then play either at a retirement home or possibly in church. Then, if there is enough interest, try it again in the fall. The tentative date to start sometime in early February. Please contact the music director, Michael Kahl, if you have any questions or are interested in participating in this ensemble.

### **Rehearsal Schedule and Info for Music Programs**

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

Sanctuary Choir – Wednesday, January 4, 7-8 p.m. in the choir room or sanctuary

Sonrise and Sanctuary Choir- Sunday, January 8th

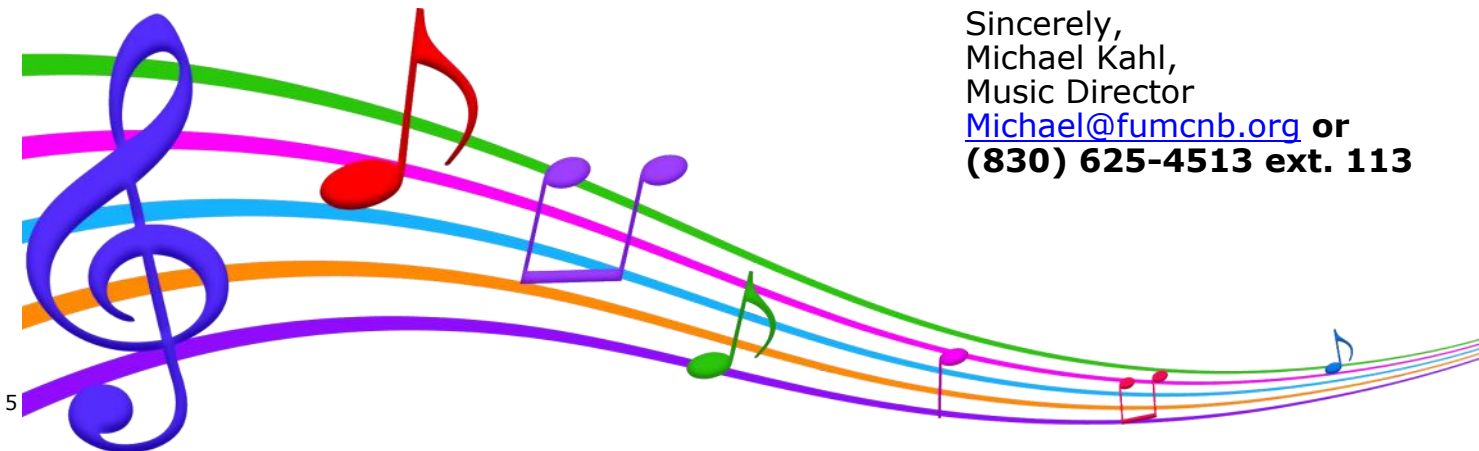
Sonrise Choir – rehearsal at 7:45 a.m. (choir room) and 8:15 a.m. worship

Sanctuary Choir – rehearsal at 10:30 a.m. (choir room) and 11 a.m. worship

First Bells – Wednesday, January 11th, 6-6:55 p.m. in room 213.

United Bells (Beginner to Intermediate ensemble) – Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-5:50 p.m. in room 213.

Sincerely,  
Michael Kahl,  
Music Director  
[Michael@fumcnb.org](mailto:Michael@fumcnb.org) or  
(830) 625-4513 ext. 113



# FIRST KIDS

## BIBLE CLASS

We will have our Bible class for any 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> graders that would like to participate. It will start on **January 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am** and it will be 7 weeks long.

## 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 [mallorie@fumcnb.org](mailto:mallorie@fumcnb.org) to apply.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School will only be at 9:30am starting in January. This is because we have very few kiddos that come to the 11:00am time and we are spreading our volunteers thin. This does not mean that we don't want to see your kiddos at Sunday school!



Join us in Children's Church!

## CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

We are excited to start a new Children's Worship in March where kiddos will get to sing praises to Jesus, receive a kid friendly message, do crafts and have a time of fellowship with their friends. This will replace our 9:30 Sunday School.

## RISE

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

January 15<sup>th</sup>

February 19<sup>th</sup>

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>



## STELLAR VBS

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>





## BILL MCGUIRE RECEPTION-FEBRUARY 19TH



Everyone is invited to join us on **Sunday, February 19th at noon in Wesley Hall** for a pot luck celebration honoring Bill McGuire. Please bring a main dish, side, and/or dessert to share. We will offer tea and coffee.

Let's show Bill how much we love him! Beckie Stratemann and Katrina Spivey are heading this up, so if you have any questions, please contact one of the ladies.

## DISCIPLESHIP



Wednesdays, LIVE at noon!

### MIDWEEK MOMENT

Announcements, Scriptures and Prayer  
with Karen Andrews

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](mailto: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 [mimiharrison@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mimiharrison@sbcglobal.net) with any questions you might have.

### OUTREACH MINISTRY MEETINGS

Do you know a church  
member we may visit?



Join us for meetings  
Wednesdays 1:30pm  
Welcome Center

## PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2023



### 2023 Dates

Jan 20	Apr 21	July NO PNO	Oct 20
Feb 17	May 19	Aug 18	Nov 17
Mar 17	June TBD	Sep 15	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: [fumcnb.org](http://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](mailto: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** Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 24th at 1:30 p.m. in Room 118. Please contact Vicki Freeman if you plan to attend. Contact Vicki at [vfreeman@earthlink.net](mailto:vfreeman@earthlink.net)



**ARE YOU A HOBBYIST / ARTIST / CRAFTER? COME JOIN THE "LIFE HACKS"** on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday evening of each month at 6:00, generally in Room 219.

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:** This group gathers as they are available to enjoy great music. Karen Akkerman does a wonderful job of communicating with the group and arranging tickets and meeting places.



**TRAVEL MINISTRY:** In the fall of 2023, you have the opportunity to join Karen Andrews and Michael Kahl for a wonderful trip to Ireland, with an optional extension to Scotland. We'll visit sites including the Ring of Kerry and Blarney Castle, Cliffs of Moher, visits to monastic and castle ruins, tour of Dublin including a traditional musical dinner show, and some surprise stops along the way! This trip is especially exciting as the FUMC music department will perform in

Christchurch Cathedral and some local churches. Non-singers will have options to attend concerts or enjoy other explorations. Contact Michael Kahl, [michael@fumcnb.org](mailto:michael@fumcnb.org) or Karen Andrews, [karen@fumcnb.org](mailto:karen@fumcnb.org) for more details and brochures.



**FAITH STITCHERS:** Gather at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm to knit and crochet prayer shawls, baby blankets, hats, and other reminders of God's love. These items are all prayed-over, then gifted to members of our congregation who are homebound or experiencing life challenges; others are distributed to homeless members of the community. **Our next group meets on Tues., February 14 in Rm. 100.** If you know of a person or group that could use some comfort, please call Harriet Sollberger at 210-391-6190.

**Knitters and crocheters are welcome!**



## LUNCH BUNCH

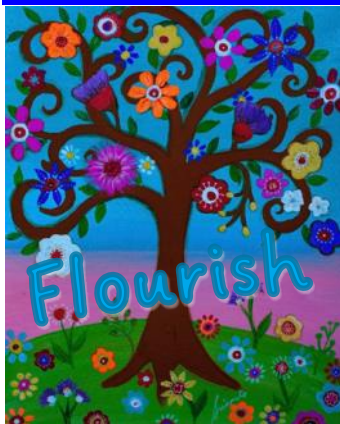
Meets at local eateries at 11:30am on the last Tuesday of each month. As of January 2023, Susan Coss took over this group as contact person.

[Susan9Coss@gmail.com](mailto:Susan9Coss@gmail.com)

Email her for upcoming gatherings of this informal group.



# DISCIPLESHIP



## WOMEN'S RETREAT

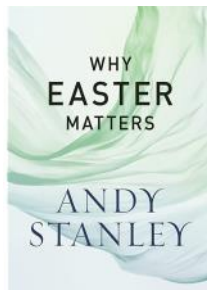
It is time to register for the annual Women's Retreat. Dates are **February 17-18**; and we'll be returning to lovely Camp Capers, just outside of Comfort, TX. Our guest speaker is FUMCNB's former pastor, Karen Horan, who will be speaking to us about how and when we are able to Flourish. Invite your friends, daughters, mothers for this time away together with some wonderful women

and our Lord. Sign up early, especially if you prefer hotel-style accommodations over cabins. Cost, \$110 covers rooms, great meals, and all materials. Scholarships are available. Forms are on the Adult Bulletin Board; **Deadline to register is January 31**. Contact Karen Andrews for more information, [karen@fumcnb.org](mailto:karen@fumcnb.org).

## STUDY OPTIONS ON SUNDAYS AT 11:00AM:

Beginning January 15 – February 12. **"1st Next Steps,"** a 6-week class. Pastor Theresa will offer an introduction to United Methodism. This class covers information on the founding of the Methodist movement, our core beliefs, and information about our congregation. If you've been visiting for a while or if you are a long-time member who wants to know more, join her for this engaging study. This group will meet in Room 118. Contact Pastor Theresa for more information, [theresa@fumcnb.org](mailto:theresa@fumcnb.org).

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 in Room 215.



## GRIEF SHARE

We will begin a spring rotation of GriefShare on **January 24 – April 18**.

First UMC will offer the GriefShare support group on Tuesday afternoons, beginning January 24 – April 18, from **2:00 – 4:00, Room 118**. GriefShare is a 13-week faith-based program for people who have experienced the death of a spouse, family members, or friends. Three key elements are involved:

- \*a video seminar focused on key, grief-related topics which is hosted by spiritual leaders and Christian grief / trauma counselors, all of whom have experienced deep grief themselves.
- \*a personal workbook for study and individual application of the weekly topics.
- \*group discussion in a safe environment of people who, more than most, understand your grief.

Contact Karen Andrews, [karen@fumcnb.org](mailto:karen@fumcnb.org) for further information.

Childcare is available with prior reservations. Cost of the program is \$15.00 for the workbook – scholarships are available upon request.

## Upcoming Events

January 9: Cookie Decorating class - cost between \$5-\$8

February 13: Spring Door Wreath

March 13: Easter Yarn Centepiece

RSVP IS A MUST - Contact Cindy Bennett at 840-708-3916 or email [cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com](mailto:cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com)



## Dinners for

This is a great way to meet folks from church that you may not already know. Groups consist of a mix of singles & couples that get together for four meetings Feb-May. You share meals at participants' homes, picnic, or meet at local restaurants (your groups' choice). Sign up sheet is on the Adult Bulletin Board in the Main Information Hallway or contact [karen@fumcnb.org](mailto:karen@fumcnb.org) Sign up by Wed., Jan. 25th.



## GENTLEMEN

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



Tuesdays, 7:30am at Casa Garcia  
1691 New Braunfels St, 78130  
Contact (830)-625-4513 for more information



# YOUTH GROUP SCOOP...



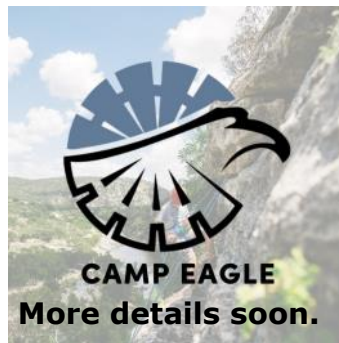
## HERE ARE THE DATES FOR JANUARY:

- January 1: No Sunday School, normal MYF
- January 8: Family promise, **NO** Sunday School or MYF
- January 15: Normal Sunday School and MYF
- January 22: Normal Sunday School and MYF
- January 29: Normal Sunday School and MYF

## 2023 EVENTS SCHEDULE:

- February 12<sup>th</sup> – Youth Sunday
- February 19<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation starts
- March 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break for New Braunfels and Comal
- 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\*



## CONFIRMATION INFO:

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>th</sup>** – Confirmation starts for youth, 7th grade and up, as well as youth who have already taken it but wish to take again. Look for additional details soon. Registration forms are available in the Welcome Center and in the church office. Contact Pastor Theresa Booth, [theresa@fumcnb.org](mailto:theresa@fumcnb.org) for questions.



## MINISTRY HIGHLIGHT: MEALS ON WHEELS

I would like to introduce you to the longest continuous mission outreach of our church. The **Meals on Wheels** program here in New Braunfels began in 1985. Hot meals are delivered 5 days of the week to homebound seniors and handicapped individuals through the Comal County Senior Center. For some of these people that will be the only people they see during the week.

Our church was recruited in 1985 to deliver meals every Monday. Other local churches took the other 4 days of the week. There were 4 routes of 4 to 6 meals per route, per day in 1985. As the need increased more routes were added. From that time to now the routes have grown from 4 to 27 routes. Our church is now responsible for 8 routes every Monday of every month. In order to do that it takes 40 teams of people every month of the year. Many of these people have delivered for 20 years or more.

If you would like to volunteer, please call the Comal County Senior Center at 830-629-4547. If you have questions, Elsie Hildebrand can help you as well. She has been volunteering with Meals on Wheels for MANY years.



**MEALS on WHEELS**

**TEXAS**

## 2023 FAMILY PROMISE

Host dates:

**CANCELLED** January 8, April 30, August 6, October 1, 2023



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**BECOME A SERVANT!**





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THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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