



### **First United Methodist Church New Braunfels**

Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

## THE GOOD NEWS

572 W San Antonio St, New Braunfels TX

November 2022

# Children's Sabbath & Third Grade Bible Presentation





#### **FINANCIAL UPDATE:**

The Church contributions for **SEPTEMBER 30, 2022:** 

SEPT. Income - \$87,875.00 SEPT. Expenses—\$104,309.79

YTD Income— \$875,765.25 YTD Expenses—\$896,877.07

#### **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 Jerry Hamm.** on the death of their father on October 28th.

## 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: Nov. 15th



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

#### ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

### **ANNUAL CHURCH CHARGE**



CONFERENCE w/
District
Superintendent &
Canyon Lake UMC
SUN., NOV. 20 4:00PM
HERE AT FUMC NB in the
Sanctuary.

#### **FALL BACK THIS SUNDAY!**



#### **THANK YOU!!**

Thank you all for the calls, cards, hugs, expressions of sympathy and support at the loss of my brother. Also, thank you to the Faith Shawl ministry for the lovely shawl delivered to me by Lila Stephenson. Thank you to Pastor Andrew for the calls while I was out-of-town and a special thank you to Pastor Theresa for the long-distance calls and prayers over the phone. It truly is a blessing to be a part of this church family.

Vida Linton

#### **NEW MEMBERS**





Bo and Dixie Burns

#### **UMW NEWS**



#### **UMW NOVEMBER CALENDAR**

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, General Meeting:** 9:30 AM for fellowship and refreshments followed by the program in the sanctuary by the one of the two designers/makers of the stain glass windows. We will learn about the process for planning through installation. **Churchwide invitation**: All who wish to attend at 10 AM in the sanctuary are welcome.

**November Circle meetings:** Most will be November 15<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday. The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your circle will meet.

**Kirkwood birthday party:** November (fourth Friday) Kirkwood birthday recognition with corsages from Petals-To-Go and cards. The date may be changed, since that is the weekend of Thanksgiving.

**December General Meeting** at 11:30 AM in Wesley Hall for a cover dish luncheon. A festive time together and special presentations.

The annual UMW Rio Conference meeting was held in San Antonio on Friday and Saturday, October 14 and 15. It was in the Drury Plaza Hotel on Loop 1604. Last year the UMW Rio Conference meeting was here at our church with a nice turnout. Three of our members enjoyed the meeting this year without all the work.

### 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





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"...

#### **FAITH STITCHERS**



KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY.

**Faith Stitchers**: Gather at the church on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 1:00p.m. 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. 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 **November 8th at 1pm** in the parlor (Rm 100).

Knitters and crocheters are welcome!

#### **NEW GIFTS POLICY**



EART FOR

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: <a href="https://www.fumcnb.org/giftspolicy/">https://www.fumcnb.org/giftspolicy/</a>

#### **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 <a href="mailto:fumcnb.org">fumcnb.org</a>.

#### **FIRST KIDS**

#### CHILDREN'S SABBATH & 3RD GRADE BIBLES

The All Kid Worship Team led beautiful services for the congregation on October 16 (See the beautiful cover put together by Robynn Amy)!

Bibles were presented to our older elementary kids at all services. Thank you church, for supporting this special ministry of FUMC. Sharing the gift of God's word to our children is one of the highlights of our year!





#### **RISE**

We will be having Rise on November 13 from 4:00-6:00. Our service project for the month will be volunteering at the SOS Food Bank. We will be leaving the church at 4:15 so that we can go by Arlan's to do some shopping and then head to the Food Bank. If you have any questions, please contact Amber at amber@fumcnb.org or Mallorie at mallorie@fumcnb.org

#### **WURST SERVICE**

Join us at Landa Park for the Wurst Service on November 13! We will **NOT** be at the church for Sunday School, but find us at the back of the dance slab for some fun before the service begins. We will have some activities for the kids. There will be face painting, train rides, and food. Music starts at 10:30, Worship at 11. Free sausage on a stick for lunch! It's the "Wurst" service you will ever go to!

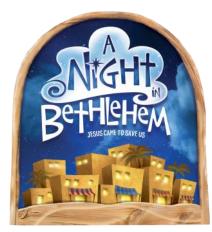


**ADVENT** is the season of the church year where we prepare for the coming of the Christ child. The first Sunday in Advent is November 27. Please watch for ways to include your children in the activities of church.

#### **ADVENT KICKOFF WORKSHOP**

First Kids is celebrating the birth of Jesus with a family fun-filled journey to Bethlehem. Children can make crafts and have fun while they journey along with the holy family to Bethlehem.

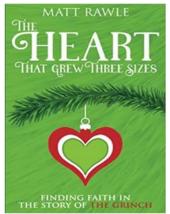
Join us Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm as the CFM (Children and Family Ministry) will host A Night in Bethlehem for First UMC. Everyone is invited!! This will be a great time to prepare our hearts for the experience of Christmas! More details to follow. If you're interested in helping out, please contact Mallorie at Mallorie@fumcnb.org or Amber at amber@fumcnb.org.



#### FIRST KIDS-ADVENT INFO

#### **TUESDAY FAMILY NIGHT**

Tuesdays at 6:00pm in Room 118. Children will have special fun holiday activities while parents and adults get a chance to study *The Heart that Grew Three Sizes*, based on the story of *The Grinch Who Stole Christmas*. *Meal included*. *Nursery Provided*. On Sunday, November 27, we will meet in Wesley Hall at 5:30pm to watch the movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" together (both kids and adults).



We don't know why, but the Grinch hated Christmas. In this new Advent study, Matt Rawle explores the faith themes in the Christmas classic, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*! Including: How did the Grinch's heart grow three sizes come Christmas morning? How did Christmas save the Grinch? Could it be that the very thing we think we hate is the one thing that changes our lives? This Advent season, look at a familiar classic through the lens of faith and see how Christ speaks to us through our culture.

## DECEMBER 18TH 10:30-1 PM FIRE AND ICE CHILI COOK OFF AND FESTIVAL

Join us at 10:30am on December 18th for fun for the whole family. We will have games and activities for all ages including a snowball fight, gaga ball and more. At 11:15am we will begin our **First Fire and Ice Chili cookoff**. Bring your best Chili and decorate a quarter of a table, (if you don't want to bring chili, bring a dessert). Judging will be in the following Categories: Best Overall Chili and Best Presentation. There will even be a special visit from Santa for the kids and pictures.

#### **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2022**



2022 Dates

Jan 21 Feb 18 Mar 18 CANCELLED
Apr 15
May 20
June 10\*
\*date changed

July 15 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 <a href="mailto:mallorie@fumcnb.org">mallorie@fumcnb.org</a>.

#### **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, November 22 at 10:00 a.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. November 14 - Creating a lantern centerpiece (Christmas or Thanksgiving – themed) December 12 – Creating no-sew Christmas ornaments

This months activity will be designing your own Thanksgiving or Christmas Lantern Centerpiece. Cost per centerpiece will be between \$25 and \$30. Please RSVP as soon as possible. I buy the lanterns at Hobby Lobby when they are on sale for half price; they are regularly \$30 and they go on sale every other week. I've already bought some.

Also, be thinking about December's activity. We will be making fabric, No Sew Pinecone Christmas Ornaments. I will have different choices of Christmas fabric but if you have a color schemed Christmas tree or want to buy your own fabric, you will need about 1/4 yard depending on how many you want to make.

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. Coming up in November: Sunday, the 27 at 4 pm. Advent Vespers of New Braunfels. A mass community Choir singing songs of the Christmas season. Cross Lutheran Church Sanctuary, 2171 Common Street, New Braunfels. Contact Karen Akkerman, kakkerman@gmail.com if interested.

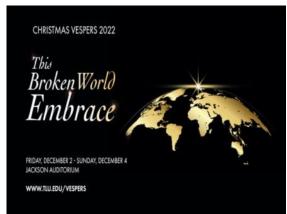
**TRAVEL MINISTRY:** Time is running short to join our "cruisers" for a Western Caribbean trip aboard Royal Caribbean's <u>Allure of the Seas</u> setting sail from Galveston. Dates are Jan 29 – Feb 5, 2023. This trip stops at the following ports: Roatan, Costa Maya, and Cozumel. Days at sea will offer passengers the opportunity to surf artificial waves onboard, meet the challenge of an escape room, ice skate, play trivia, enjoy a spa day, or relax in one of eleven jacuzzis. Cabin options and space are limited. Contact Don Snyder to register, <a href="mailto:don@fumcnb.org">don@fumcnb.org</a>

And 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, <a href="michael@fumcnb.org">michael@fumcnb.org</a> or Karen Andrews, <a href="michael@fumcnb.org">karen@fumcnb.org</a> for more details and brochures.

#### **DISCIPLESHIP**

#### **HOST TRAINING**

Are you one of those chatty people who enjoys speaking to everyone? Or maybe you are a bit quieter but can smile and say "good morning?" Do you know your way around our church building? (It can be very confusing for guests who haven't been here very many times!) Or maybe you'd like to learn more, yourself, about the locations of offices, classrooms, meeting spaces, or children and youth areas? You might even want to help open the door when someone comes into the building with an armload of children and bags and books. Then you would love being a host! We'll provide the teal blue shirt and excellent training. Come. Share your smile with guests and members alike. Time slots are 15 minutes before and about 5 minutes after each service. You can still get to your Sunday School class on time! Training is scheduled for Thursday, November 10 at 6:00pm in Room 224.



#### <u>Christmas Vespers at Texas Lutheran University.</u>

The annual Christmas Vespers service is scheduled for live performances the first weekend of December. We will have tickets to attend on **Friday, December 2**. We'll take a van from FUMC to Seguin, leaving at 6:15pm. We plan to return about 10:30pm following a coffee-and-dessert stop on the way home. Those who attend this worship service – offered by the music department of the university and professionally narrated – often comment that it is a wonderfully special way to begin the Christmas season. Tickets are free but are by reservation only. Donations are accepted at the door as we enter. Watch for sign-up sheet on the Adult bulletin board in early November.



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

#### **LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch meets at local eateries at 11:30am on the last Tuesday of each month. Email <a href="mailto:Terry.Snipes@gmail.com">Terry.Snipes@gmail.com</a> for upcoming gatherings of this informal group.







#### YOUTH GROUP SCOOP...

## JUST FOR YOUTH

#### **NOVEMBER DATES FOR THE YOUTH:**

6<sup>th</sup>: No MYF or Sunday School, Everett out

9<sup>th</sup>: Youth Council Meeting 6:30pm Room 217

13<sup>th</sup>: Wurst Worship in the morning, no Sunday School; MYF normal

20<sup>th</sup>: Church Charge Conference; normal MYF and Sunday School

21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: THANKSGIVING BŔEAK-NO SCHOOL

27<sup>th</sup>: Normal Sunday School; MYF Thanksgiving/Fall cookout off-campus, details to come.





#### Mark your calendars: New

Thanksgiving

Break

**NO SCHOOL!** 



#### **December Upcoming Dates:**

4<sup>th</sup>: Normal Sunday School; Children's Night in Bethlehem, no MYF

11<sup>th</sup>: Normal Sunday School; MYF Progressive Christmas

14th: Youth Council Meeting 6:30pm Room 217

18<sup>th</sup>: Normal Sunday School and MYF 25<sup>th</sup>: Christmas, no Youth Events.

11:00 Christmas Day Worship Service

30<sup>th</sup>: New Year's Adam Lock-in

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



#### **ADVENT & MORE**

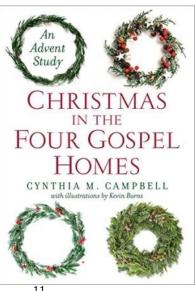






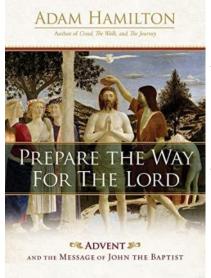
#### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Join us in Wesley Hall at 11:00am for a fun and meaningful service. Bring any extra cookies or treats you have! Kids can dress in PJs and bring their favorite toy.



#### ADVENT STUDY

November 30, December 7, 14, 21 Wednesday's at 6pm in Room 219. Lead by Pastor Theresa



#### **ADVENT STUDY**

November 27, December 4, 11, 18 Sunday's at 11am in Room 215. Lead by Karen Andrews



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