



First United Methodist Church
New Braunfels
THE GOOD NEWS

www.fumcnb.org

572 West San Antonio St., New Braunfels, Texas 78130

February 2022

"SOUP"ER BOWL FOOD DRIVE

SOUPER BOWL 2022

Bring canned SOUP or other
non perishable food
& SHOW SUPPORT
for your favorite Super Bowl Team!



TWELVE MOST WANTED FOODS



Many people in our community are struggling with food insecurities. If you're able to help, please bring a canned soup or other non-perishable food & **show support for your favorite team on Sun., Feb. 13.** Pick up a brown paper bag if you are attending services in-person or just drop off your donations at the Mill St. Door where there will be a cart that says "Souper Bowl" on it. We will be splitting the donations & **delivering** between the S.O.S. Food Bank & New Braunfels Food Bank on **Mon., Feb. 14.** Thank you, in advance, for your continued support of these awesome ministries. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Theresa theresa@fumcnb.org.

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



February



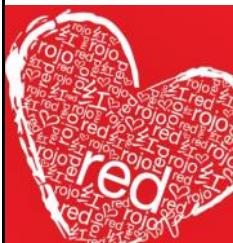
1 MEN'S COFFEE CONNECTION
 8-Coffee Connection
 9:30-UMW Gen. Mtg.
 1:30-GriefShare 118
 2-Pray & Play 219
 6:30-Tues Eve Grp
 6:30-Women's study

2
 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC
 6-Digging into Bible
 6-Handbells
 6:30-Youth Bible Study
 7-Revelation St.-Zoom
 7-Sanctuary Choir

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
Bible Study

3
 1:30-Mahjong 118
 6-Discipleship Mtg.

4 WEAR RED DAY HEART HEALTH



5 UPWARD GAMES
 8-Upward Games WH-all day



6
 8:15-Traditional Svc
 9:30-Contemporary
 9:30-Adult SS
 9:30-Children's SS
 11-Friends/Followers
 11-Renew/Recharge
 11-Children's SS
 11-Traditional Svc
 11-Youth SS

7
 9:30-Staff Mtg.
 5:30-Upward Practice



8
 8-Coffee Connection
 9:30-GriefShare 118
 2-Pray & Play 219
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6:30-Tues Eve Grp
 6:30-Women's study

9 BRIDGE
 1-Bridge Group 118
 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6-Digging into Bible
 6-Handbells
 6:30-Youth Council
 7-Revelation St.-Zoom
 7-Sanctuary Choir

10
 1:30-Mahjong 118
 6-Trustees 219

11
 5:30-Upward Practice

12
 8-Upward Games WH-all day

13 "SOUP"ER BOWL SUN. PASTOR'S COFFEE
 8:15-Traditional Svc
 9:30-Contemporary
 9:30-Adult SS
 9:30-Children's SS
 11-Friends/Followers
 11-Renew/Recharge
 11-Children's SS
 11-Traditional Svc
 11-Youth SS
 5-Jr/Sr High MYF

14
 9:30-Staff Mtg.
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6:30-Finance Mtg.



15 CIRCLE DAY
 8-Coffee Connection
 9:30-UMW Circles
 1:30-GriefShare 118
 2-Pray & Play 219
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6:30-Tues Eve Grp
 6:30-Women's Study



16
 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6-Digging into Bible
 6-Handbells
 6:30-Youth Bible Study
 7-Revelation St.-Zoom
 7-Sanctuary Choir

17
 1:30-Mahjong 118
 6:30-Mission Mtg.

18 PARENTS' NIGHT OUT
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6-PNO Wesley Hall



19 YOUTH SUN PRACTICE
 8-Upward Games WH-all day
 5-Jr/Sr High MYF

20 YOUTH SUN. YOUTH-LED WORSHIP TODAY
 8:15-Traditional Svc
 9:30-Contemporary
 9:30-Adult SS
 9:30-Children's SS
 11-Friends/Followers
 11-Renew/Recharge
 11-Children's SS
 11-Traditional Svc



21 OFFICE CLOSED
 5:30-Upward Practice



22
 8-Coffee Connection
 1:30-GriefShare 118
 2-Pray & Play 219
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6:30-Tues Eve Grp
 6:30-Women's study

23
 1:30-Heart for Homebound Mtg. WC
 5:30-Upward Practice
 6-Digging into Bible
 6-Handbells
 6:30-Youth Bible Study
 7-Revelation St.-Zoom
 7-Sanctuary Choir

24
 9:30-UMW Exec. Mtg.
 1:30-Mahjong 118

25
 5:30-Upward Practice

26
 8-Upward Games WH-all day

27 D/S REGISTR. FOR MEMBERS
 8:15-Traditional Svc
 9:30-Contemporary
 9:30-Adult SS
 9:30-Children's SS
 9:30-D/S Registration
 11-Friends/Followers
 11-Renew/Recharge
 11-Children's SS
 11-Traditional Svc
 11-Youth SS
 5-Jr/Sr High MYF

28
 5:30-Upward Practice



Preschool Registration FOR CHURCH MEMBERS SUN., FEB. 27 9:30-10:30am



FINANCIAL UPDATE:

The Church contributions for

DEC. 31, 2021:

DEC. Income - \$129,387.62

DEC. Expenses - \$171,985.78

YTD Income—\$1,340,252.44

YTD Expenses—\$1,265,529.75

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.



Handbell & Sanctuary Choirs are resuming regular practices beginning Wed., Feb. 2nd.

SYMPATHY

To **the Family of Weldon Broughton** on the death of their father on January 11.

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:
Feb. 15th**



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

Lent 2022
Mid-Week Meditative Worship
Time of Prayer/Communion
5:30pm to 6:00pm
Wednesdays beginning Mar. 9
More info coming soon.



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!

Our office is closed today in observance of President's Day.
MON., FEBRUARY 21

L
Me
Mi
We

UMW NEWS



UMW FEBRUARY CALENDAR

February 1st General Meeting: 9:30 AM fellowship with no refreshments as this is the meeting for Call to Prayer and Self-Denial in Room 118 (Assembly Room) followed by program and business at 10 AM. No hostess.

February Circle meetings: Most will be February 15th, Tuesday. The circle leader will contact you concerning the time and place your circle will meet. This is our opportunity to make new friends.

Kirkwood birthday party: February 25th Kirkwood birthday recognition with corsages from Petals to Go and cards from the Deborah Circle.

January general meeting was the pledge service and circles had follow-up pledge opportunities for those who missed. If you missed both chances to pledge, ask the treasurer (Donna Huser) for a pledge card.

March 1st general meeting will be about the night sky. Remember when we could see so very many stars at night? Was that because when we are young everything is special? ...or is there a reason for the missing stars? Craig Massouh will answer that mystery.

Do you have your new yearbook? Your circle leader has one for each of you. Members-at-large, there is a letter for each circle after each member with no circle. That lettered circle is your contact to give you current information and ways you too can participate in the mission and purpose of the United Methodist Women.

Will there be a rummage sale this year? Good question. It's too soon to tell. LOL. You have to laugh to keep from crying.

COLLECTING FOR SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER SAN MARCOS

The standard items needed:

Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothpaste, tooth brushes, combs, Men's & Women's NEW socks, underwear, L, XL & XXL. Feminine hygiene products. Depends for men & women, rain poncho's. They can always use paper towels, toilet paper, or cleaning supplies. These are items that cannot be purchased with food stamps.

Sincerely, Rita Berry, UMW Rep. SSCC

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY



Heart for Homebound Ministry

A new visitation ministry has begun. Laity will visit our homebound members on a regular basis to provide a connection between them and the church. If you feel God calling you to become involved in this ministry, please join us

Wednesdays at 1:30pm in the Welcome Center at the church.

FUMC DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR MEMBERS

Current, active FUMCNB Church Members can register on **Sun., Feb. 27 at 9:30-10:30am** in the Day School Office located in the Children's Educ. Wing across from the Sun. School check-in station.

We will be registering for:

Toddler: 1 year (1 yrs. And walking before Sept. 1st)

Day School: 2 years (2 yrs. before Sept. 1st)
3 years (3 yrs. before Sept. 1st)
4 years (4 yrs. before Sept. 1st)

Extended Care: Available to those enrolled in Day School



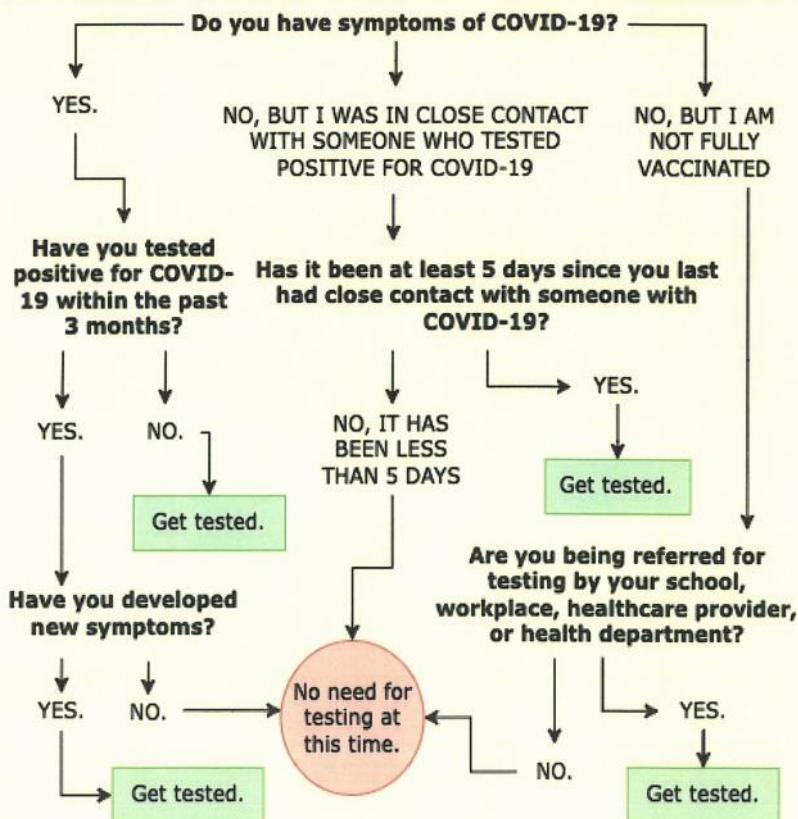
FROM THE WESLEY NURSE... MICHELLE TRUCHSESS, RN



@SouthCentralTexasAHEC



COVID-19 VIRAL TESTS: WHEN DO I NEED TO GET TESTED?



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!



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.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/testing/diagnostic-testing.html>

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

Mark your calendar for **VBS!!! June 20-24!!!**

We will visit Adventure Island for a week of fun, sharing, learning, and giving.

Pre-Registration begins on May 1. Registration is limited and mandatory.

June 20-24 Age 4 (by June 20) through completed 3rd graders

July 18-22 Completed 4th and 5th graders

Preparation begins now! Please plan to be involved in some way with this awesome ministry of our church.



VBS CREW are NECESSARY! Here are some ways you can jump into the adventure!

Pray for VBS, the team, the volunteers, and the children who God is sending to our church.

ALL NEW! Join the VBS CREW! We will kick off each work night with a short Bible study to dive into the adventure our kids will be going on! Following the study, we will work on VBS!

Come at 5:30pm April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17, May 24. Many hands make light work! We meet upstairs in the kid's wing.

Plan to serve as a crew leader or rotation leader/assistant during the week of VBS. Training will be June 12 after the 11:00 service, lunch is provided. Contact kalenda@fumcnb.org to serve!

Donate supplies—as soon as our planning team has the list together, it will be posted on the windows in the big hallway.

Be sure to take care of your safety training early. Log in at www.safegatherings.com . If you have trouble with this or are unsure of what it involves, check with Michelle Sonnen michelle@fumcnb.org. She's a pro!

Journey to the Cross

Children are invited to come for a kid-friendly "mini CLUB" for six Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 9. From 5:30-6, "grown ups" will be in the sanctuary for a lesson on prayer, children age 4-5th grade will be led by Kalenda and Mallorie in the kid's wing. We will study The Lord's Prayer with engaging age-appropriate activities and discussion.



April 10 (Palm Sunday) we will have worship at Landa Park, there will be no children's Sunday School classes on that day. All children are invited to wave their palms in a processional across the bridge and we will sing a song at the beginning of this beautiful service. Hosannah! Nursery is available for those who will worship at the church.



April 17 (Easter Sunday) classes for children will be cancelled that day so our teachers can worship with their families and prepare their Easter celebrations! Nursery will be available.

Bring flowers from home to decorate our beautiful cross in the sanctuary.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT 2022

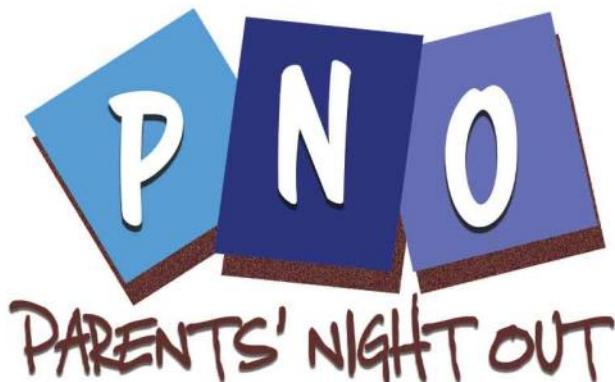
Parent's Night Out (PNO) is offered monthly as a time for parents to get away and enjoy some "grown-up" time while confident their children are well cared-for. Our nursery staff is CPR certified and has many years of experience.

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.



2022 Dates

Jan 21

Apr 15

July 15

Oct 21

Feb 18

May 20

Aug 19

Nov 18

Mar 18

June 17

Sep 16

Dec 9 AND Dec 16



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
Sunday School Classes				
Foundation	ZOOM	Sun, 9:15	1-2 Chronicles beginning in January	Jane & Al Cunningham cunningham.janellen@gmail.com aval802@aol.com
Revised Version	ZOOM	Sun, 1:00		Jim Wright jimwrightgroup@netscape.net
Finders Keepers	Wesley Hall	Sun, 9:45	<u>The Lord's Prayer</u> , video study by Hamilton	Gary Spitzer gspitzer51@att.net
Friendship	Room 118	Sun, 9:30	<u>Romans</u> video study by Max Lucado	Donna Huser
Harmony Seekers	Room 215	Sun, 9:30	<u>Mayberry</u> 4 week study begins Feb. 6	Beckie Stratemann bbstratemann@sbcglobal.net
S.A.L.T.	Room 100	Sun, 9:30	<u>Rules for Living</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
United Methodist Women				
Circle Groups	Check with leaders for mtg location	3 rd Tues, 9:30am 3 rd Wed 6:30pm	Various programs and Service projects	Emily Poling, president UMW tjrranch@hotmail.com
Other Groups				
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
Bible Study	ZOOM	Wed, 7:00 pm	Revelation Study Sept 1-Apr 13	Jane Cunningham cunningham.janellen@gmail.com
Women's Study	Room 118	Tues., 6:30pm	<u>Now That Faith Has Come</u> by Beth Moore	Traci Owens traci_owens@att.net
Men's Coffee Connection	Casa Garcia's	Tues, 8:00am	Breakfast and fun conversation	Pastor Don Snyder don@fumcnb.org

Day Trip coming soon

We were disappointed when the Immersive Van Gogh exhibit was postponed in December. However, we have rescheduled it for **Thursday, March 24**. We'll take a van to San Antonio for a late morning tour, followed by lunch on our own, and then return to the church by 3:30. Tickets are \$55 and are non-refundable.

See information on the Adult Bulletin board and contact Karen Andrews to register, karen@fumcnb.org. **Please plan to sign up and pay by February 7.**



DISCIPLESHIP

Our new Interest Groups and Study Groups are getting under way. Your Discipleship Team hopes that everyone will become involved in one or more of these new opportunities for fellowship, learning, sharing, and growing closer to Christ. Below are some of the general topics and contact information:

Interest Groups

Renew and Recharge – a group for parents and caregivers of young children

Meets Sunday mornings, 11:00. Room 219

Contact John and Amber Garcia john.austin.garcia@gmail.com

Nature / Gardening – a group for gardeners, those who love the earth, and hikers

Contact Vicki Freeman vfreeman@earthlink.net

Crafting / Art – work on projects and learn new skills

Contact Cindy Bennett cynthialynnbennett@yahoo.com

Vida Linton vlinton53@att.net

Classical Music Lovers – for those who appreciate and play

Contact Karen Akkerman kakkerman@gmail.com

Travelers – Let's experience new places

Contact Don Snyder don@fumcnb.org

Karen Andrews karen@fumcnb.org

Food and Dining – For those who love cooking and eating

Contact Terry Snipes terry.snipes@gmail.com

Study Groups

Dig in the Bible – an ongoing verse-by-verse Bible study

Contact Don Snyder don@fumcnb.org

Church History and Virtual Visits – roots of the Bible and our faith

Contact Robert Snipes rsnipes@yahoo.com

Steve Freeman taperfree@earthlink.net

Fostering Diversity and Inclusion – create a more inclusive community

Contact Lee Brinkerhoff the brinkerhoffs@att.net

Women's Bible Study – currently Now that Faith has Come: a Study of Galatians by

Beth Moore

Six weeks beginning, Feb 1, 6:30. Room 118

Contact Traci Owens traci_owens@att.net

Lenten Study – Creative Prayer experiences

Through Multiple Media

Six weeks beginning March 9, 6:30. Room 206

Contact Pastor Theresa theresa@fumcnb.org

Please contact Karen Andrews

karen@fumcnb.org or at the church office if you have questions about these new groups or if you have an idea for a group you would like to help create!



YOUTH GROUP...

FEBRUARY

Wed, Feb 2nd > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sat, Feb 5th > Upwards BB Game Day #3.

Sun, Feb 6th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

Wed, Feb 9th > No Bible Study. Youth Council at 6:30pm.

Wed, Feb 9th > 7:30pm Youth Sunday Meeting for all youth helping.

Sat, Feb 12th > Upwards BB Game Day #4.

Sun, Feb 13th > **Super Bowl Sunday!** 5:00pm until 7:00pm or stay until the game is over. Wear your favorite team sports attire if you like.

It does not need to be in support of the teams playing that night. We will be watching the game, playing games, and eating. We will provide the meal. Please bring a dessert. Also bring canned goods to help support the food bank.

Wed, Feb 16th > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sat, Feb 19th > Upwards BB Game Day #5.

Sat, Feb 19th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm. We will be rehearsing for Youth Sunday, which is tomorrow, Feb. 20th.

Sun, Feb 20th > **Youth Sunday. Youth will be in charge for all 3 services.**

Sun, Feb 20th > **Top Golf!** Details coming soon.

Mon, Feb 21st > **NO SCHOOL!** Comal and New Braunfels

Wed, Feb 23rd > Bible Study, 6pm.

Sat, Feb 26th > Upwards BB Game Day #6.

Sun, Feb 27th > Confirmation begins for youth currently in 8th grade or older, who have not been through confirmation. More details and how to sign up to come.

Sun, Feb 27th > MYF, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.



Confirmation 2022 will begin February 27th. All youth, 8th grade and above, who have not been confirmed or would like a refresher, are welcome to join. Registration cards will be available in the church office or from Michelle Sonnen. Please fill out the card and drop off in the office, email or give to Michelle by Feb. 20th. Please contact Patrick Melton, patrick@fumcnb.org, or Michelle Sonnen, michelle@fumcnb.org, if you have any questions.

Themes by Weeks

Week 1, February 27 – What is Confirmation?

Week 2, March 6 – Who is God?

Week 3, March 20 – Salvation

Week 4, March 27 – What is the church?

Week 5, April 3 – The Sacraments

Week 6, April 24 – Faith, trust and commitment

Week 7, May 1 – Sin, grace and prayer

Week 8, May 15 – The Creeds

May 29, Confirmation Sunday



UPWARD BASKETBALL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed through Mar. 5th to referee, keep time/score, and conduct half time devotions. This is a wonderful sports ministry for our church and a chance to instill Christian values back into competitive sports. **Get involved!** Contact Steve Fenton, Co-Director Upward Basketball FUMC NB email: nbupward@gmail.com



INTRODUCING... LACEY KRAFT



Hello FUMC! I'm excited to be serving as your new Director of Finance. I'm a New Braunfels native and I graduated from Texas A&M. My office hours are Mondays and Thursdays 9am - 4pm. Please feel free to stop by to say "hello" when you have a chance. My email is lacey@fumcnb.org.



FUMC NB PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The FUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry is back to our regular monthly meetings. We will gather the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1pm in the church parlor (Rm. 100). Our group of knitters and crocheters usually works on crafting prayer shawls for those who could use a tangible reminder of God's love and baby blankets for new little ones in our church. We have decided to branch out and add scarves, bookmarks and hats. Some of these will be for homeless neighbors in our community. An Easter project is in the works!

New members are always welcome and if you have questions, please call Harriet Sollberger at 210-391-6190.



PASTOR'S COFFEE

**Second Sunday
of every month**

**9:30am, 10:45am, 12:15pm
in Welcome Center**

**Beginning October 2021
Childcare available**

GRIEFSHARE BEGINNING FEB. 1ST

First UMC will offer the GriefShare support group on Tuesday afternoons, beginning **February 1 through April 26, from 1:30 – 3:30, 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 for further information. This group plans to meet in person.

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





First United Methodist Church
572 West San Antonio Street
New Braunfels, TX 78130
Office: 830/625-4513 www.fumcnb.org

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Pastor

Jason Adams
jason@fumcnb.org

Associate Pastor

Theresa Booth
theresa@fumcnb.org

Director of Youth Ministries/ Associate Pastor

Patrick Melton
patrick@fumcnb.org

Associate Pastor

Don Snyder
don@fumcnb.org

Applications Administrator/ Administrative Asst to Youth

Director
Michelle Sonnen
michelle@fumcnb.org

Director of Finance

Lacey Kraft
lacey@fumcnb.org

Director of Media & Technology

Robynn Amy
robynn@fumcnb.org

Director of Adult Ministries

Karen Andrews
karen@fumcnb.org

Director of Elementary Ministries

Kalenda Adams
kalenda@fumcnb.org

Director of Nursery Ministries

Mallorie Sarvis
mallorie@fumcnb.org

Wesley Nurse

Michelle R. Truchsess, R.N.
mtruchsess@mhm.org

Director of Music

Michael Kahl
michael@fumcnb.org

Office Administrator

Janna Hochwender
janna@fumcnb.org

Church Accompanist

Travis Davis
travisedavis@yahoo.com

Church Pianist

Gwen Gabriel

Day School Director

Sara Randolph
dayschool@fumcnb.org

Custodian-Part Time

Pedro Aleman

Custodian - Part Time

Becca Westfahl

Church Office Hours:

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

Friday 8am-12pm