



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## FROM OUR PASTOR, REV. JOHN WARREN

As I begin the new year I have been looking at the waste-line I was able to grow in 2011! Quite an accomplishment; in less than a year I was able to gain a pant size! Now I am wondering how am I going to get rid of this extra baggage. Before M (marriage) I got up and worked out at the gym three times a week, and I got down to the weight I was in high school. It is with that in mind that I read these refreshing words of Dr. Meyer Friedman, who said that lifestyle and creative use of leisure can be more important than diet and exercise in preventing heart attacks. Obviously a balance among all three is most desirable. I have observed many people who have paid attention to the body and diet and have neglected the spirit and are dying inside.

Dr. Friedman gives suggestions for people to live less frantic lives by living more by the calendar than the clock: 1. Stop thinking about several things at one time. 2. Listen without interrupting. 3. Read books that demand concentration (games, too). 4. Avoid irritating people. Sometimes this is not possible so maybe we can learn to see those people in a new way, maybe through the eyes of Christ? 5. Plan for some personal quiet time each day in prayer and devotion. 6. Finally, and I like this the most, things worth being are better than things worth having. If we are to be a person of faith we will be doing the faithful things, prayer, devotion, worship and service to God.

As we become a Christ centered family supporting all with God's love, we will be looking to our immediate future hopefully that will set the course for the church for years to come. Remember the people who were here first. The Native Americans had an ability to live by the ages rather than by the day. Among certain tribes in North America were those who would make decisions for the tribe based on how that decision would affect people seven generations into the future!

See you Sunday if not before,

John

*Thank You for your prayers and cards of support as Sandra and I went through some tough days with the death of my brother Eddie and her father's illness. Your prayers were felt as I presided over Eddie's memorial service, I make it through the grace of God.*

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# Youth Ministry



**6TH-12TH GRADE**

Sundays

at 5:00-7:00p.m. in the Praise Center

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 8:** Alisha out of town, but we **WILL** have Youth

**January 15:** District Youth Meeting in Silsbee

**January 20-21:** Hot Hearts

**January 22:** No Youth

**January 29:** Polar Games at the Henry's



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# Children's Ministry

## Preschool Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

January 8	Becky & Melissa	Jesus at the Temple
January 15	Melissa & Becky	Jesus is Baptized
January 22	Donna R. & Heather	Jesus / Fishermen
January 29	Heather & Donna R	Jesus Calls Matthew

## K-5th Sunday School Schedule & Lessons

January 8	Ginger & Julie	Jesus at the Temple
January 15	Ginger & Julie	Jesus is Baptized
January 22	Dana & Misty G	Jesus / Fishermen
January 29	Dana & Misty G	Jesus Calls Matthew



1st Kids Choir meets on Sunday nights at 5:00pm. We will gather on the playground (weather permitting, otherwise in Tow Inn.)  
Hope to see you there!

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## Our Faithfulness

### Our Gifts

#### **Giving Report Dec. 2011**

Monthly needs: **\$50,000.00**  
Received as of Dec.31: **Not Available**

**AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWAL: If you would like to have your pledge drafted directly out of your bank account. Please call Norma in the church office (886-7466) for more info.**

### Our Attendance

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Dec 18</b>
8:15 a.m.	29
8:55 a.m.	66
11:00 a.m.	121

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>Dec 25</b>
9:30 a.m.	62

Thank you for supporting the Lord's work with your tithes and offerings.

**Stewardship is what a man does after he says "I believe".**  
**W.H. Greever**

## Members Serving in Worship

### **January 8, 2012**

#### **1st Sunday After Epiphany**

##### **Ushers: Team #1**

8:15 - Billy Permenter, Bobby Anderson, Don & Debbie Bayliss

11:00 - Bob Izer, Ricky Harper, O'Neal Waldrop, Frank Beauchamp, Daniel Grooms

**Altar Guild:** 8:15 - Glenda Whitley

11:00 - Susan Lafley

**Youth Greeter:** Kaylin Abshire

##### **Greeters:**

8:55 - Bobby & Trisha Anderson

11:00 - Bill & Jerry Triggs

##### **Parking Lot Greeters:**

8:55 - Eby Family

11:00 - Rock Rothrock

##### **Lay Reader:**

8:15 - Vernon Murray

8:55 - Leighia Barron

11:00 - Al Vasquez

### **January 15, 2012**

#### **2nd Sunday After Epiphany**

##### **Ushers: Team #6-**

8:15 - John & Beverly Hanes, Jean Whitley

11:00 - Nelson Derrick, Barry Bates, Travis Miller, Gwen Whitehead, Joyce Kleinknecht

**Altar Guild:** 8:15 - Beverly Millsap

11:00 - Angela Abshire

**Youth Greeter:** Bridgett Bonneaux

##### **Greeters:**

8:55 - Julie & Richard Allensworth

11:00 - Jerry & Beth Ann Windham

##### **Parking Lot Greeters:**

8:55 - Leighia & Richard Barron

11:00 - Beverly Millsap

##### **Lay Reader:**

8:15 - John Hanes

8:55 - Julie Allensworth

11:00 - Lynn Fields

## Memorial Gifts

### In loving Memory of:

#### **Brenda Pickard**

##### **Lambeth by:**

Sarah & Gwen Boehme  
Dick & Marilyn Powell

#### **Archie Rogers by:**

Nancy Byers  
Jean & Glenda Whitley  
Joy Gilliam

#### **Jack Taylor by:**

John & Lana Ostermaier  
Sarah & Gwen Boehme  
Bob & Dottie Couser  
Jean & Glenda Whitley  
James & Barbara  
Dawes  
Rushia Mae Cooper  
Joy & Tim Hughes

#### **Eddie Warren by:**

Dick & Marilyn Powell  
Barbara Riddick  
Joy & Tim Hughes  
George & Beverly  
Millsap

**In honor of our grandchildren, Olivia, Abigail, Elijah, John Daniel, Sam, Edison, Emma and Lucas by:** Howard & Joan Haddock

**In honor of Rushia Mae Cooper by:** Ed & Carolyn Spiers

## Visitors

*Thank you for worshiping with us!*

Jerry Roberts  
Julie McDaniel  
Alice Boston  
Sheila Sarver

## Our Deepest Love & Sympathy To:

**Rev. John Warren and family** upon the passing of his brother, Eddie.  
**Chad Hague and family** upon the passing of his grandmother.

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## Go Green for God

Target stores now recycle glass. Rinse glass items well. Recycling collection containers are near the entrance at both the Beaumont & Port Arthur store.



### Recycle Old Calendar Photos

The 3G committee is collecting old calendars (with photos) to donate to North Early Learning Center to make into puzzles. If you have any old calendar photos, please bring them by the office.

## Wed. Night Live

Wednesday Night Live will start back up on **January 18th**. Meal at 5:00pm and classes at 6:00pm.

## Rainbow Room



Please remember your donations for the Rainbow Room on the **third Sunday of every month**.

## OCS Sunday

The **fourth Sunday of each month** is **OCS donation Sunday**. OCS also appreciates monetary donations left at the rail/baskets on Communion Sunday. Please remember that monetary donations are tax deductible so be sure to put your name on your cash donations.

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help answer phones & door and possibly assist with making basic copies. Right now, we are looking for help on Mon., Tues., and Wed. mornings. Please call the office if you would like to volunteer.

## Office Closed

The church Office will be closed on **Monday, January 16th** in observance of MLK Jr. Day.



## Christmas Stocking for our Troops

Before Christmas the children and youth stuffed stockings to send to Captain Kevin Humphrey, Chaplain, in Afghanistan. Kevin is the brother-in-law of Melissa Davis. He collected over 3,000 stockings that were distributed to all of the airman on the Air Force base in Kandahar, some of the coalition forces, and some were also distributed to the Army. Below are pictures and a note from Kevin.

*From Kevin:*

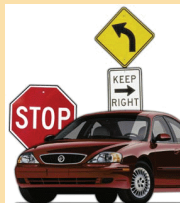
*Well thanks to you generosity we gave out over 3400 stockings. We gave one to every Airman on the Base. As well as 900 to our Coalition partners. The Australians and the British as well as others like the Slovakia, Spain, And Bulgaria. We were also able to send the stockings to all of our FOB ( forward operating bases) in Southern Afghanistan. Thank you so much for you amazing generosity. At the end I had 400 stockings left over and o took them to the hang out place for all services, it is called the boardwalk. Christmas would not be complete without a rocket attack. We heard the explosion and the alert stems and ran for the bunker. It is amazing what a gift can do even under attack. You will see the pictures of us handing out stockings in the bunker. I unfortunately could not get a lot of pictures but got a few to represent. One of the highlights was going to the British compound. I had assembles an American and British Christmas caroling team and we went and caroled the British. We all ended up singing Christmas carols together on Christmas Eve and I brought over 250 stockings with us. The British chaplain introduced me and I spoke of the overwhelming generosity of the American people and how y'all had sent in 3400 stockings and that we had extras. I told them of our great love and appreciation for our British Friends and allies and that we thanked God for them. I told them that these stockings were gifts from the American people to them and then I had the Choir help me and passed out 250 stockings to the crowd. They were all so grateful for your kind and gracious gifts. I hope you all had a merry Christmas. God bless you all.*



## Defensive Driving Class

**Need Defensive Driving or just want a 10% discount on your insurance?** We are offering an inexpensive Defensive Driving class here at the church!

Saturday, February 18th  
8:00am - 2:00pm in the Praise Center  
**Bring your own lunch.**  
Cost is \$15.00 per person



## Join Us for Tea with the Love Circle



The UMW's Love Circle would like to invite all ladies to a Tea on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 in the Praise Center. Sarah Boehme will present a short program. Please RSVP to Leighia Barron, Sarah Boehme, or your Circle President by January 8<sup>th</sup>. Please let the ladies know if you need a ride to the Tea. Hope to see you there!

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# Spot Light

Keeping our members informed!

## Altar Guild

While God is everywhere and always present, he is present most fully and most powerfully in worship. Perhaps a more important reason for church buildings is that through their symbolism, they enable us to be most fully present to God. Surrounded by reminders of God's awesome and redeeming presence, we join Jacob in realizing that "surely the Lord is in this place..." (from The Altar Guild, by Anita Stauffer)

The ladies of the Altar Guild of F.U.M.C. Orange have served this church faithfully since 1982. The guild is concerned with the "things of worship" – the care and placement of furnishings, appointments, and ornaments used in worship. The overall goal of the Altar Guild is to see that the worship space is kept beautiful and in good order, both to glorify God and to provide a setting which enables the congregation to worship in a meaningful way.

On Tuesday, January 10, 1982, the organizational meeting was held. The Reverend James Thompson was the minister. Mrs. Mavis (Joe) Powell was elected president of the guild. In February the first officers were officially installed and the new guild was recognized during the worship service: President, Mrs. Mavis Powell; Vice President, Mrs. Mary Francis Rasmussen (Hartley); Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Gwen Boehme. Committees were assigned as were the four team leaders and their members.

Four teams rotate throughout the year preparing the altar, hanging the liturgical seasonal banners, assisting with the preparation for communion, and decorating the church at Easter and Christmas. The guild members are dedicated in their efforts to see that each Sunday the sanctuary and chapel are prepared for the worship services.

Several weeks before Easter the guild offers the membership of the church the opportunity to purchase Easter lilies or hydrangeas in honor or memory of a loved one. The week before Easter guild members place the flowers in the altar areas for the worship services on Sunday.

The Advent and Christmas season is a particularly busy time for guild members. Again, church members are given an opportunity to order Poinsettias in honor or memory of loved ones. These are placed in the altar areas prior to the Candle Light Service and remain there until Christmas Day. The members decorate the various Christmas trees you see around the church. The Chrismons, made by guild members, decorate the large tree in the sanctuary. The greens and wreaths are appropriately placed. On the altar is the beautiful creche which is a memorial to Christopher Sanford. The candles for the candle light service are readied. Communion preparations must be completed as well for this long anticipated service. After the Christmas season, guild members are responsible for putting away all decorations and preparing the worship areas for the New Year.

The Altar Guild membership is open to any member of this church who is willing to serve and meet the requirements of the guild. Altar Guild meets twice during the year -- in October and in January. The four teams are each scheduled by the team leaders. It is with joy and dedication that the guild serves this church. We invite any lady to join with us in serving.

If your committee or group has some information that would be of interest to FUMC members, please email Ginger Williams at [bwilliams11@gt.rr.com](mailto:bwilliams11@gt.rr.com) or call 883-4428.



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Traditional Service

8:15 AM - Chapel

Celebration Service

8:55 AM - Praise  
Center

Sunday School

9:50 AM

Traditional Service

11:00 AM - Sanctuary

OFFICE HOURS


Mon- Thurs - 8:30-4:30

Friday - 8:30 - Noon

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observance of MLK, Jr. Day.



Calendar of Events: January 4-21

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>4 NEWSLETTER</b> <u>10:00a</u> Staff Mtg. <u>4:00p</u> Christian Ed <u>6:00p</u> Bells <u>7:00p</u> Choir	<b>5</b> <u>2:30a</u> UMW Board  <u>4:00p</u> Altar Guild Anniversary Planning	6	7
<b>8 Can Collection</b> <u>8:15a</u> Traditional <u>8:55a</u> Celebration <u>9:50a</u> Sunday School <u>11:00a</u> Traditional <u>3:30p</u> Praise Team <u>5:00p</u> Youth/1st Kids <u>5:00p</u> 3G Comm.	<b>9</b> <u>10:00a</u> Inter. Prayer <u>10:00a</u> Caring Min. <u>6:00p</u> Evangelism	<b>10 REPORT DAY</b> <u>5:00p</u> Missions <u>6:00p</u> Finance	<b>11</b> <u>10:00a</u> Staff Mtg. <u>6:00p</u> Bells <u>7:00p</u> Choir	<b>12</b> <u>2:30a</u> Faith Circle <u>10:00a</u> Joy Circle <u>6:00p</u> Tea with the Love Circle	13	<b>14</b> <u>8:00a</u> UMM Breakfast
<b>15 Rainbow Room</b> <u>8:15a</u> Traditional <u>8:55a</u> Celebration <u>9:50a</u> Sunday School <u>11:00a</u> Traditional <u>3:30p</u> Praise Team <u>5:00p</u> 1st Kids District Youth Day @ Silsbee	<b>16 MLK Jr. Day Office Closed</b>  	<b>17</b> <u>10:00a</u> Inter. Prayer <u>6:00p</u> Ch. Coun- cil	<b>18 NEWSLETTER</b> <u>10:00a</u> Staff Mtg. <u>5:00p</u> WNL Begins <u>6:00p</u> Bells <u>7:00p</u> Choir	<b>19</b> <u>9:30a</u> MOPS	20	<b>21</b> <u>8:00-4:00</u> District Committee Train- ing  <b>Youth—Hot Hearts</b>

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