



October - No Tricks, Just Treats!

Pastor Cathie
Evins

I'm so glad that we are back to worshipping together, aren't you? October is going to be an exciting month chock-full of ways for us to love and serve God together. Here are some treats in store for us this month!

* The first Sunday of October is World Communion Sunday, when we celebrate the unity we have in Christ with believers all around the world. It's a day to remember that we are all One in the family of God, because we share the same Spirit, the same Lord, and the same Baptism. Because of what Christ has done for each of us, we are now Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

* During the Sundays in October, we will be confirming 10 of our young people who have completed the Confirmation curriculum and are ready to make a Profession of Faith. What a joy it will be to celebrate with them and their families as they take this sacred step of faith in our worship time together.

* On October 18th, we will celebrate Consecration Sunday! By now, you should have received a Letter and Pledge card with information about Consecration Sunday. If you did not receive a Pledge card, they are available in the church office and worship spaces. As Consecration Sunday approaches, please prayerfully reflect on your giving to God. Scripture is clear about our need to give back to God, as part of our worship of God. Our

giving acknowledges that God is the source of all that we have and is also an offering of gratitude and a sign of our trust in God to provide for our needs.

* Pumpkin Patch is here! What would Fall be without our Pumpkin Patch? It will be modified this year to insure that safety guidelines are met, so if you wish to serve in this ministry, your help would be greatly appreciated! Thanks to all of you who've already offered to serve in this outreach ministry!

* Trunk or Treat will also be held! It too will be modified to insure that safety is of the utmost priority, so I hope you'll consider hosting a trunk of treats, or donating candy or funds to support this community outreach ministry.

I pray that this scripture will be our guide in all that we do here at FUMC Seguin:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:15,17)

Bring a Friend to Church

We are deeming the entire month of October as "Bring a Friend to Church" month. Old friends, new friends, fellow members, or those without a church home—all are invited and welcome! We would love to see as many friendly faces as possible as we resume public worship. Adults, youth, and children, reach out to a friend and bring them with you to church and Sunday School and let's pack the pews again!



Lord, I Want to Be a Liturgist

Have you ever thought: "I can do that, or I would like to be a liturgist!" There will be an organizational meeting for anyone interested in learning how to be a liturgist for any of our three services. Three members have already expressed some desire to learn the "how to" in helping to assist in parts of the worship service. (NOT preaching)! If you are curious, half way interested, or just want to try something new, please contact judithmjohnson617@gmail.com or you can text 830-305-1344. A time to get together will be determined later.

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Articles may be submitted to office@fumcseguin.com

Texas Ramps Project



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Ever since COVID gained traction, people have been looking forward to “getting back to normal.” I have heard people say, “Once we get this under control,” or “Once this COVID thing goes away,” or something else to that effect. I don’t mean to sound pessimistic, but rather realistically optimistic. Initial steps have been taken: in-person worship has resumed, the Pumpkin Patch is happening, Trunk or Treat is coming at the end of the month. Despite this, there is still fear, and many are still waiting for “normal.”

Typically, I might ask if you would like the good or bad news first, but as you cannot respond in this instance, we’ll start here, with the bad. Viruses do not go away. We do not get viruses “under control.” We learn how to cope with them, how to treat them, and in some cases, how to vaccinate ourselves against them. This is the best-case scenario, however. I don’t want to “go all doom and gloom,” but as I said, we need to be realistic. Understandably, there is apprehension, but if we are honest, the chances of catching a virus already existed, and some of them have been fatal. COVID-19 is the newest threat to our health, but it certainly will not be the last.

Now, we wait for it to “get better” so that we can get back to “normal.” I don’t know about you, but I don’t want to “get back to normal.” I want something better than the old normal because I believe that there is something better. I believe that God has blessings in abundance for us. They may come in various forms, some which we may not even recognize as blessing. Still, I believe that God has something greater in store for us. Let us keep in mind that “greater” does not always mean bigger, better, and brighter, but simply greater in God’s perspective. That is a perspective I long to have. The “new normal” is a concept that is on so many minds, a phrase on so many lips. This is what we should be aiming for, and not just a new normal, but a better normal, a “more excellent” normal, as we have a God who is always greater than our present circumstances

September saw a new process for the FUMC Ramps team. I mentioned last month that we have the new warehouse facility up and running and in September we pre-built and provided the supplies for two ramps that were built by the Seguin First Baptist Church. Each one took less than an hour of our volunteers’ time, but helped to make a huge difference in two families’ lives. And a quick special thanks to Bailey Robbins and Stephan Smith & son, JT for their assistance in getting the warehouse facility set-up.

Our Ramps team didn’t build any ramps in September. The good news is that the reason we didn’t build a ramp in September is because we are now caught up with the requests for Guadalupe County. The key word in that sentence is “requests”. The bad news is that I suspect that there are unmet needs out there – I doubt we have solved all the needs for Guadalupe County. If you know of someone in need or if you have a contact with a medical professional who may know of a family in need, here is the link that they can use to request a ramp. <https://www.texasramps.org/requesting-a-ramp/>

Note: The request needs to come from a health care professional – but an individual

can ask their health care professional to submit a request on their behalf. I honestly don’t know all the processes at the state level for the referrals – I just know this is where it all starts. In talking to a few health care professionals I know, The Texas Ramps project is not overly well known, so don’t hesitate to get the word out.



Year-to-Date Financial Report August, 2019

Donations	\$535,972.00
Expenses	\$521,924.00
Donations Exceed Expenses by:	\$14,048.00

Checking Account Balance	
Beg. Balance as of 1/1	\$52,710.00
End. Balance as of 8/31	\$66,758.00



Pastor Melissa Lind
Associate Pastor for Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Wednesday Youth to Thrive
 5:30 - 5:45 pm Games, Hanging Out
 5:45 - 6:15 pm Dinner
 6:15 - 7:00 pm Devotional

How exciting it is to be gathering again as a community of faith!! I have missed all of you and look forward to what lies ahead for the youth at FUMC Seguin. October brings pumpkins and cooler weather. Fall is my favorite season. There are so many wonderful things about fall, not only the pumpkins and cooler weather, but cider and shedding the shorts for sweaters, the air feels a little crisp, football and the anticipation of advent. I Love Fall!!

Now that we are coming together for Youth to Thrive on Wednesday nights and Sunday school, I pray that we can all get back into the groove of things. I am looking forward to finally being able to confirm the Confirmation Class of 2020. We will be confirming them in groups of two starting on October 11th. I hope that you can be a part of this amazing time in their lives. It has been hard for our confirmands to wait to be confirmed and they are so excited to make their profession of faith.

I would like to ask you to pray for Caitlin, my previous assistant, her daughter Ella and husband Burnie. Caitlin has decided to move back to Africa after the complications her husband was having in joining her and their daughter Ella here in Seguin. She is hoping they will all be able to come back to Seguin

next year as a family and she has promised to visit us when they return. Caitlin and Ella will be missed, but we wish her well and send lots of love.

I am so excited to introduce you to the new youth assistant Kate Gideon!! She is an amazing woman and so excited to be joining our team. She knows that God has big plans and an awesome journey ahead. I have worked with Kate for many years in several ministry settings at Gruene United Methodist Church in New Braunfels. She is a Property Manager by day and now a Candidate for Ministry looking to become a pastor. Kate and her husband David have been married for 17 years, with two sons Ryan 28 and Joshua 15. Ryan is married to his high school sweetheart Loriann and Joshua is a freshman in high school and loves basketball and fishing. Kate will fit in well here at FUMC Seguin because she is a dog lover!! The ministries that are near and dear to her heart are Kairos prison ministry, food pantry, Church by the River and U.S. Veteran organizations such as Wreaths Across America. Please take the time to say hello to Kate and give her a big FUMC Seguin welcome.

Blessings,
 Pastor Mel



Kate Gideon with husband, David and youngest son, Joshua.

Children's Fall Carnival

Sunday, October 11 from 4-6pm
 Prayer Garden

Children of all ages are invited to join us in the prayer garden for fun fall games, pumpkin decorating, snacks and fall treats! We look forward to seeing you all there! Please wear your masks.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School classes resumed September 20th. We are excited to announce we are beginning the Think Orange Curriculum. Think Orange messaging strategy will combine childhood development techniques and practical theology to grow a child's personal faith at every stage. Every kid is made in the image of God and has the potential to do remarkable things. We will have individual craft supplies available as well as socially distanced learning spaces and provide individually packaged snacks. Please send your child in a mask for safe attendance.

Thank you!

College Care Packages

Our students have returned to college or trade schools. Due to our current situation with COVID some may be commuting from home or living on or near campus. When finals return at the end of the semester it is the church's hope to again send CARE packages. If you are one of those students or the parents of one of those students please contact Dean Webb at webbo97@aol.com, or text 830-477-1340 or become friends on Facebook. Or you may advise the church office at office@fumcseguin.com. Please provide School attending, Class Year, Major, cell number and address to receive care package. Thank you for assisting in this ministry outreach endeavor. We want to reach all of our students on the various campuses, letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers as they experience a new way of attending college.

Thank you, Shalom, Dean Webb



Memorials Gifts

In memory of:

Gene Bachman

From:

William & Alice Kirkendall, Dolores Schwerdtfeger, James & Sally Swope, Stan & Susan Casto

In memory of:

Bonnie Bartels

From:

Sue Williams-Harper, Atlee & Linda Fritz, Ruby Lindeman, Stephen Tschoepe, Peggy Talley

In memory of:

George Falk

From:

Sue Williams-Harper

In memory of:

Maxine Garner

From:

Butch & Linda Schulz, Dee Chick, Glen & Beverly Koepsel, Stan & Susan Casto

In memory of:

Paul & June Holman

From:

Ruby Lindeman

In memory of:

John Nash

From:

Kenneth & Jackie Jandt, Stan & Susan Casto, Eddie & Cathy Hess, Bud & Alice Kirkendall, Carol Lovette, Louise Lutz, Tommy Schriewer, Gloria Winters, Xi Epsilon Omega Beta Sigma Phi, Donna Parrish, Robert Pruitt, Dale & Susan Dyess, Sam & Karen DePalermo, Bruce & Gloria Ingram, Connie Hendricks, Atlee & Linda Fritz, Dolores Schwerdtfeger, Keith, Nelwyn & Jillian Robinson, Stollewerks & Broussards, Sherry Baker, Natt & Gretchen Ricker, Ruth Ann Hobbs, Shirley Hand, Mitch & Dawn Kolodin

In memory of:

David Schwerdtfeger

From:

Mitch & Dawn Kolodin

In memory of:

Viola Trost

From:

Atlee & Linda Fritz

In memory of:

Frances Wegner

From:

Wayne & Virginia Effenberger, Clinton & Donna Wood, Bud & Alice Kirkendall, Nona Kay Scales & Tambi, Stan & Susan Casto, Sam & Karen DePalermo, Jane Donegan, Mr. & Mrs. Lambert Hollub, Natt & Gretchen Ricker, Robert & Carlynn Messer, Dolores Schwerdtfeger, Keith & Nelwyn Robinson, Steve & Sherry Baker, Ruby Lindeman, Judy White, Shirla Humiston, Robert & Carlynn Messer, Donald & Roberta Neumann, Eddie & Cathy Hess, Gloria Winters, Michael & Kathy Peden, Ed & Joyce Engelhardt, William & Sally Maierhofer, Shirley Hand

Honorariums

In honor of:

Karen Aufderhaar

From:

Judy Johnson

In honor of:

Jan Kirk

From:

Judy Johnson



Danna Dyess, Wesley Nurse, distributes diapers during her monthly Diaper Program Distribution Day.

Habitat for Humanity Update

We were graced with some much needed rain during September, a little cooler weather, and some great strides in building the next house. This house is for the Rodriguez family – Angel, Jessie, and their 7 children (the photo I have only has the 3 youngest in it). While we aren't building them a trailer house, by the middle of the month we had most of their house on a trailer. Since the slab wasn't ready in early Sept, we pre-built all the walls off-site and loaded them onto a trailer ready for delivery. But that will be remedied shortly as the slab should be poured by the end of September and we'll be standing up the walls around October 1st. From there it will be a race to the finish line – which we are hoping to be at before the end of December.



The new goal is that we will be building 3 homes a year rather than 2. We have some limitations (Covid safety) on the number of volunteers we can have on site, but we are a long way from meeting those limitations. It's been mentioned before, but we could use a few more volunteers. We only work 2 mornings a week – Thursdays and Saturdays. And you



don't have to commit to working every Thur and Sat. We have some folks that only work on Saturdays and some that only work a few days a month – so it's very flexible. The work time is generally 8:00-noon (we start a little earlier in the summer – 7:30am typically). So if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Robin Roark (512-695-3125 or TXRoarks@yahoo.com). No prior home building skills or tools needed and no tools needed. We'll be glad to help you learn and we have all the tools needed.

And of course, there are always opportunities to shop, donate, or volunteer at the GVHFH store at 256 W. Court St. The Re-Store hours are Tue-Sat from 10:00am to 5:00pm. As well, if you have some good stuff you need to get rid of - think about donating to the GVHFH. Give them a call and they will even come pick it up for you.

Consecration Sunday

Reminder: Consecration Sunday is October 18. If you have not received a pledge card in the mail, they are available in the church office or on the Welcome Carts.

Trunk or Treat



**Saturday,
October 31st
6:00pm - 8:00pm**
**We need your trunks -
please sign up with the
Church Office.**
**We also need donations of
candy or monetary dona-
tions for candy.**

**Thursday - October 1**

6:30p Safety Team Mtg, HH

Saturday - October 3

8:00a Habitat Workday

9:00a Pumpkin Truck Unloading

Sunday - October 4

7:00a UMM Breakfast, CLC

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday - October 5

6:00p Mom's Bible Study, Doss' Home

Tuesday - October 6

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200

6:30p Mission Team Meeting, HH

Wednesday - October 7

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC

Thursday - October 8

6:00p Wkday School Brd Mtg, HH

Sunday - October 11

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday - October 12

10:00a My Healthy Child Diaper Program

6:00p Mom's Bible Study, Doss' Home

Tuesday - October 13

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200

6:30p SPRC Mtg, HH

6:30p Foundation Mtg, Parlor

Wednesday - October 14

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC

Thursday - October 15

6:30p Board of Trustees Mtg, HH

7:00p PFLAG, Mosaic Church

Saturday - October 17

9:00a Pumpkin Truck Unloading

Sunday - October 18

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday - October 19

6:00p Mom's Bible Study, Doss' Home

6:30p NAMI Support Group, Parlor

Tuesday - October 20

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200

6:30p Finance Mtg, HH

Wednesday - October 21

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC

Sunday - October 25

8:00a Worship, Sanctuary

9:15a Sunday School

10:30a Worship, Sanctuary

10:30a Seasons Worship, CLC

Monday - October 26

6:00p Mom's Bible Study, Doss' Home

Tuesday - October 27

9:00a Butterfly Quilters, Rm 200

Wednesday - October 28

5:30p Youth to Thrive, CLC

Saturday - October 31

6:00p Trunk or Treat, Parking Lot

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