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Church Council
Meets Monday,
Jan. 21 @ 5:30pm

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January, 2019

HEMPHILL FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the FUMC Staff!

Thanks for all your support throughout the year.



STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE

With the start of the New Year, it is a good time to reflect on church stewardship for 2018 and our plans for stewardship for 2019. When we join the United Methodist Church, we pledge to support the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Let us begin the New Year with a pledge to increase our support of the church by increasing our prayer life. Let us pray to God to thank him for all the blessings we enjoyed in 2018. Let us pray that we have a prosperous 2019. Let us pray that good things continue for our church and that we are able to help our congregation grow in 2019. The obvious way we can grow the congregation is to increase the number of members of the church especially by reaching out to those who do not currently have a church home. We can also grow our congregation by deepening the spiritual growth of the existing members. The important thing is to communicate with our God on a daily basis. Try making this one of your New Year's Resolutions.



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Get organized for 2019

FOR YOUR BEST YEAR YET

Happy New Year!

How can it be that another year has gone by? 2018 seemed so new a short time ago. Now we have 2019 to address. Another year, all shiny and fresh, so filled with promise and purpose!

It is unclear when exactly we began to pledge to ourselves that in the coming year we would lose weight, get our finances in order, or leave behind any one of a number of unsavory habits. These resolutions stress our intention to change ... change some aspect of our lives in order to become a better person. They should not be taken lightly, these resolutions; these intentions stress a firm determination to achieve one's desired ends.

Given this information, what resolution would you consider actually writing down on paper? What resolution would you identify that will change and improve some aspect of your life? Be brave! Consider the small changes in your life that can yield large dividends.

A biggie in many lives is the desire to become more organized! "One of these days, I'm going to clean out that cabinet." (Feel free to substitute what works in your life... garage, attic, drawer, or closet.) If this touches an area that you recognize...let's make a plan!

- 1) Identify your nemesis.
- 2) Select a day(s) to devote to organize (a synonym here might be to "get rid of" or "toss," throw away).
- 3) Find a large box(es) or bag(s) and begin sorting: things I must keep / things I can donate to help others / items that are broken or don't work and need to be thrown away.
- 4) Actually do it! Sort and clean and reorganize that space.
- 5) Get rid of the throw away bag. Yes! Throw it away!
- 6) Take the reusable items and store until the Methodist Women's Rummage Sale in early March. You always intend to bring so many things to the rummage sale, but usually run out of time and generally don't get those storage places cleaned up in time.
- 7) Write a reminder for your phone or calendar where those bags are stored so you can bring them to the fellowship hall at the appointed time (usually the last week in February).

Now don't you feel better knowing that you are getting things done that need doing? ☺

Another feel-better change is to attend the Methodist Women's meetings beginning in January 2019. Another resolution, perhaps? Participation in Methodist Women is opened to any woman who indicates her desire to belong and to participate in the mission of the church through this group. All women of FUMC are encouraged to become a part of Methodist Women. We invite you to come be a part, bring your talents and the gifts given you; share yourself and grow with us.

2019 is also ushering a change in the times when Methodist Women meet. Beginning in January, MW will meet only once each month, on the 4th Tuesday at 9:30 for fellowship followed by a meeting or program at 10:00 a.m. Please plan to attend, even if you have never attended before, or if it has been a long time since you have attended. Change your patterns; Christian fellowship is important, Christian women share a remarkable bond that is reinforced each time we meet. Come! Be a part of MW; this will be a good change! You will be glad you made and kept this Resolution! **See you on January 22, 2019!**



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2018 A BLESSED YEAR FOR FUMC!

WOW, what a blessed year (2018) the Trustees and First United Methodist Church have had.

- Renovation of the parsonage.
- Exterior doors and interior hall door have been modified to meet State fire requirements in order to certify The Seed Patch After School Program to operate and meet safety requirements of the congregation.
- Bathrooms painted and updated.
- Parking lot painted.
- Air and Heating Unit installed.

Through generous giving/donations these projects have been paid in full.

The Trustees have more projects that will be addressed in 2019.

- Remodel the kitchen.
- Storage.
- Carpet/flooring.
- Double Doors at the sanctuary entrance.

If you have any suggestions, the Trustees always welcome your input and physical labor. If you wish to fund a project or make a job specific donation, please do so.

One of our biggest blessing for 2018 was the appointment of our new minister and his wife, Michael and Joyce.

The Trustees wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.



COMMUNION SERVERS



- Jan 3 – Arlie & Donna Broadaway

If you are unable to serve on your assigned Sunday, please call Judy Sparks at 409.787.3506.

THE JANUARY RAIL OFFERING SUPPORTS OUR YOUTH.



2018 YTD Total Income	\$134,145.82
2018 YTD Total Expenses	\$155,689.04
2018 YTD Total Income Vs Expenses	-\$21,543.22

Nov Income	\$10,041.78
Nov Expenses	\$9,931.98
Nov Income vs Expenses	-\$109.80





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PRAYER MINISTRY

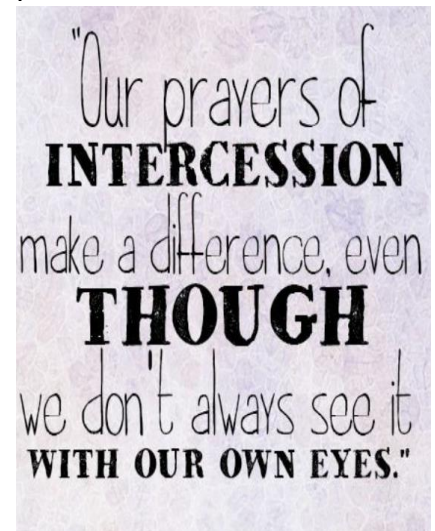
Camino Global Ministries
 Seed Patch
 The Military & Families
 Those within our church
 experiencing illness
 Pastor Michael & Joyce
 Charlie Allen
 Gail Anderson
 Stacey Barnett
 Hank Bartlett
 Carol Bass
 Peggy Bowers
 James Brown
 Carlos Boyd
 Jason Butler
 Sally Butler
 Robert Byers
 Shirley Bynum
 Clary Chesson
 Alton Carlson
 Mark Christian
 John Cade Copen
 Johnny & Leslie Cure
 Betty Doss
 John & Gladys Eastham
 Sharon Forrester
 Bill Fowler
 Sherri Foster
 The Frankum Family
 The Garcia Family
 Malcolm Gary
 Rolfe Harden
 Grace Hicks
 Mike Hudson
 John Huffman
 Fran Hulsey
 Martin Jones
 Nancy Krueger
 Janie McAnally

Nell McBride
 Sally Navarre
 Ned Nelson
 Charlotte North
 Matthew Oden
 Sarah Oliver
 Richard Potter
 Cheryl Puentes
 Karen Renfro
 David Rhodes
 Chelsey Richenburger
 Doug & Jan Roberts
 Clydelle Rudeseal
 Carmen Sanchez-Travis
 Rachel Toole
 Sandra Wilson
 Walter & Cheryl Wilson
 Jimmie Lou Williams
 Alton Wright
 Allison Young

Retirement Home/Assisted Living/Homebound

Barbara Briggs
 Ruth Byars
 Vida Cook
 Coleman Dugat
 Faye Helton
 Ruth & Leonard Hughes
 Bettye Kimbro
 Arnette Merritt
 Dave Moore
 Dorothy North
 Frances Sparks
 Lovely & Eloise Wilson

****Notice*** Please carefully review this list and contact the church office at 409.787.2183 with updates or to add or remove names from the prayer list.*





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Office Closed JD Olver Lovely & Eloise Wilson Rey & Beverly Rocha	2 5:00 PM Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 1st Sunday/Communion ~ Worship Service	7	8 5:30 PM Trustees 6:00 PM Finance Meeting	9 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	10 Jennifer Griffin	11 6:00 PM Game Nite	12
13 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 2nd Sunday/Covered Dish ~ Worship Service	14 Walter Wilson 6:00 PM Methodist Men	15 Nancy White	16 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	17 6:00 AM Fellowship of Christian Athletes	18	19
20 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 3rd Sunday ~ Worship Service	21 Leonard Hughes NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	22 9:30 AM Methodist Women Meeting	23 Bill Henry 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	24	25 6:00 PM Game Nite	26 Liam Istre
27 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM 4th Sunday ~ Worship Service	28	29	30 Jerry Gilcrease 4:00 PM Children's Handchime Practice 5:00 PM Choir Practice	31 Oliver & Carole Teagle	IMPORTANT: Please contact Donna in the church office to get your meetings on the 2019 calendar.	

COOKBOOKS ON SALE!!

The Methodist Women's famous *Heavenly Delights* Cookbook is on sale for only \$5.00 each.
 600 fantastic recipes are included!

It's a perfect time to put aside a few Christmas gifts, birthday gifts, fall wedding or shower gifts.
 See any Methodist Woman or check in the office for your selection of phenomenal gift cookbooks.



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Love the Children

...a focus on loving all the children will enhance what God is already doing through us." *Bishop Scott Jones*



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The Methodist Men would like to thank everyone who supported them this year and wish you a blessed 2019.

