



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

The First United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Ministry continues with their knitting and crocheting . The blankets

and shawls that are completed are blessed by the congregation on the 1st Sunday of each month. Do you knit or crochet? Please come join these wonderful ladies as they continue with this ministry. Men are welcome too!!



**Ten Commandments**—This quilting class meets each Thursday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Contact Linda Billington for additional information.

**Beginning Cross Stitch Class** each Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Class Room 1, The first class will cost \$5.00 which covers supplies. Please contact Laurie Swepston for additional information.



**Youth of FUMC Mertz** are back in full swing. Come and join them. They meet from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. A meal is provided.



### Hey Church!

Have I told you lately how awesome you are? You are amazing people of God. I was looking over my October calendar and there are so many

things that you all have been involved in to build the kingdom of God. Feeding the youth of this community. Writing letters to the staff at Irion County Schools. Texas Mission of Mercy. Did you know that you had a hand in helping 600 people receive dental care through this mission? The average cost for a patient was 934.79. That is amazing. You helped make that happen.

You might say, “I didn’t help with this or that.” But you did, with your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and your witness. Every time you are present in worship, or say a prayer, put something in the offering plate, if you prepared one thing for a meal, or a whole meal and any time you stopped to share with someone about who God is in your life you helped to build the kingdom of God. Every letter that you wrote for a teacher or staff. You truly are being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are inches away from being here and our tendency is to become fixated on all the doing of these holidays. I get it, homemade goodies for meals, cleaning of our houses for guests, purchasing or making gifts, believe me I do get it. What if we take a moment to breathe between all our activities and focus on who and what drives us? I encourage you to take some time out of the busyness of the coming holidays to reflect on Christ in your life and spend time with Jesus just resting in him and his grace and love for you. You are worthy because you are his child and God loves each of us.

God grant us peace  
Pastor Bun

## NOVEMBER 2017



### FUMC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**United Methodist Women:** Monday 9:30 am to 11:00 pm.

**Noon Bible Study Group:** Monday 12:15 p.m. till 1:00 p.m

**Walking by Faith:** 9:00 am Tuesdays, Thursday & Fridays

**Bible Study for All:** Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

**AA/AI-A:** Tuesdays & Sundays at 7:00 pm

**Prayer:** Wednesdays 7:00 am

**Prayer Shawls:** Wednesdays 1:00 pm

**Choir Practice:** Wednesdays 5:00 pm

**Pre-K thru 12th Grade:** Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**United Methodist Men:** Thursdays 7:00 am

**NA:** Thursdays 7:00 pm

**Women’s Emmaus Reunion Group:** Fridays 12:00-1:10 pm. Anyone who has attended a walk is welcome to come and participate. As they gather to offer support and prayers for one another in helping each other grow closer to Christ through fellowship and discipleship.

**Men’s Emmaus Reunion Group:** Mondays 7:00 am contact Dan McClung

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MERTZON, TEXAS

# NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29 EMMAUS WALK 2188</b> 9:30 am Bible Studies for all ages 11:00 am Worship Guest Speakers: The Hamiltons 7-7:30 pm Alternative Service 7-8:00 pm AA/AI-A Rm 1.	<b>30</b> 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 am UM Women 12:15 pm Bible Study 12:30 pm Chrysalis 7:00 pm <i>Christians in the Kitchen</i> 7:00 pm Beginning Cross Stitch	<b>31</b> <b>5:45 pm HALLOWEEN Trunk or Treat</b> 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	<b>1</b> 7:00 am Prayer 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir 5:00-7:00 PreK-6th Grade Bible Studies 5:00-7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Youth	<b>2</b> 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 to 3:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	<b>3</b> 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>4</b> ICISD Fall Festival (at the school) 6 PM
<b>5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS</b> (set clocks back 1 hour) <b>COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> 9:30 am Bible Studies for all ages 11:00 am Worship 7-7:30 pm Alternative Service 7-8:00 pm AA/AI-A Rm	<b>6</b> 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 am UM Women 12:15 pm Bible Study 12:30 pm Chrysalis 7:00 pm Beginning Cross Stitch	<b>7 ELECTION DAY</b> 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 6-8:00 pm Laundry Love 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	<b>8</b> 7:00 am Prayer 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir 5:00-7:00 PreK-6th Grade Bible Studies 5:00-7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Youth	<b>9 BARNHART COMMUNITY LUNCHEON</b> 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 to 3:00 pm Quilting 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous) Casting Crowns Concert - SA	<b>10</b> 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> 4-H Hunter Appreciation Dinner
<b>12</b> 9:00 Church Breakfast 9:30 am Bible Studies for all ages 11:00 am Worship 7-7:30 pm Alternative Service 7-8:00 pm AA/AI-A Rm	<b>13</b> 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 am UM Women 12:15 pm Bible Study 12:30 pm Chrysalis 7:00 pm Beginning Cross Stitch	<b>14</b> Pastor's and Professionals Meeting – Mason, TX 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	<b>15</b> 7:00 am Prayer 10:00 am Wesley Nurse Team Mtg Rm 1 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir 5:00-7:00 PreK-6th Grade Bible Studies 5:00-7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Youth	<b>16</b> 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 to 3:00 pm Quilting 4:30 pm Arbor Terrace 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	<b>17</b> 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>18</b> 7:00 am Community Prayer Breakfast @FUMC Mertzton
<b>19</b> 9:30 am Bible Studies for all ages 11:00 am Worship Guest Speaker 5:00 pm Trustee's Meeting 5:30 pm Finance Committee 6:00 pm Admin Council 7-7:30 pm Alternative Service 7-8:00 pm AA/AI-A Rm 1.	<b>20 FOOD BANK</b> 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 am UM Women 12:15 pm Bible Study 12:30 pm NO CHRYSALIS 7:00 pm Beginning Cross Stitch	<b>21 MERTZON COMMUNITY LUNCHEON</b> 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	<b>22</b> 7:00 am Prayer 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir 5:00-7:00 pm HOLIDAY - NO YOUTH 5:00-7:00 pm HOLIDAY - NO YOUTH	<b>23 THANKSGIVING</b>	<b>24</b> 9:00 am HOLIDAY – NO Walking by Faith 12:00 HOLIDAY – NO Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	<b>25</b>
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