

**OCTOBER
2017**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Mondays at 7:00 p.m. **Please note** that the **Beginning Cross Stitch Class** has **moved from Sunday to Mondays**. Starting in October they will meet on Monday in Room 1.

Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. **Emmaus Gathering** Sierra Vista in San Angelo.

Saturday, October 7 **ERT Training (Emergency Response Training) for Disaster Relief** First United Methodist Church San Angelo. Sign up by going to: www.RioTexas.org. Choose Oct 7 San Angelo.

Sunday, October 8th **United Methodist Men will be serving breakfast** at 9:00 a.m.. Let's start the day with a great breakfast.

Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 p.m. CHARGE CONFERENCE at **BIG LAKE** Methodist Church 501 N. California. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p. m. **Laundry Love** at the Laundromat located at MLK & 15th Street in San Angelo.

Wednesday, October 11th at 9:00 a.m. **TMOM is requesting your assistance** with the packing of 1000 bags FUMC Mertzon.

Thursday, October 12th at 12 noon **Barnhart Community Luncheon** Good Food! Good Neighbors!

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

MADE WITH LOVE AND PRAYER

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!!

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

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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.



CALLING ALL YOUTH!

Youth of FUMC Mertzon 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.



Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do;
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your Love I will see;
(Cut eyes shaped like hearts)

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You've given me;
(Cut a nose in the shape of the cross)

Open my ears so Your Word I will hear;
(Cut ears shaped like the Bible)

Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near;
(Cut mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your Light shine in all I say and do!
(Place a candle and light)

Amen

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Teresa of Avila (1515–1582)

Christ Has No Body

*Christ has no body but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
Compassion on this world,
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.*

*Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes, you are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours,
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassion on this world.
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This community of faith embodies this prayer with all the amazing avenues with which it reaches out to the world and welcome it with a warm embrace or hardy handshake. Even more important that what is done, is what is experienced when God's love is seen and felt by all who enter through our doors. God is a God of extravagant love, grace and mercy. For these reasons, we are his children.

John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

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

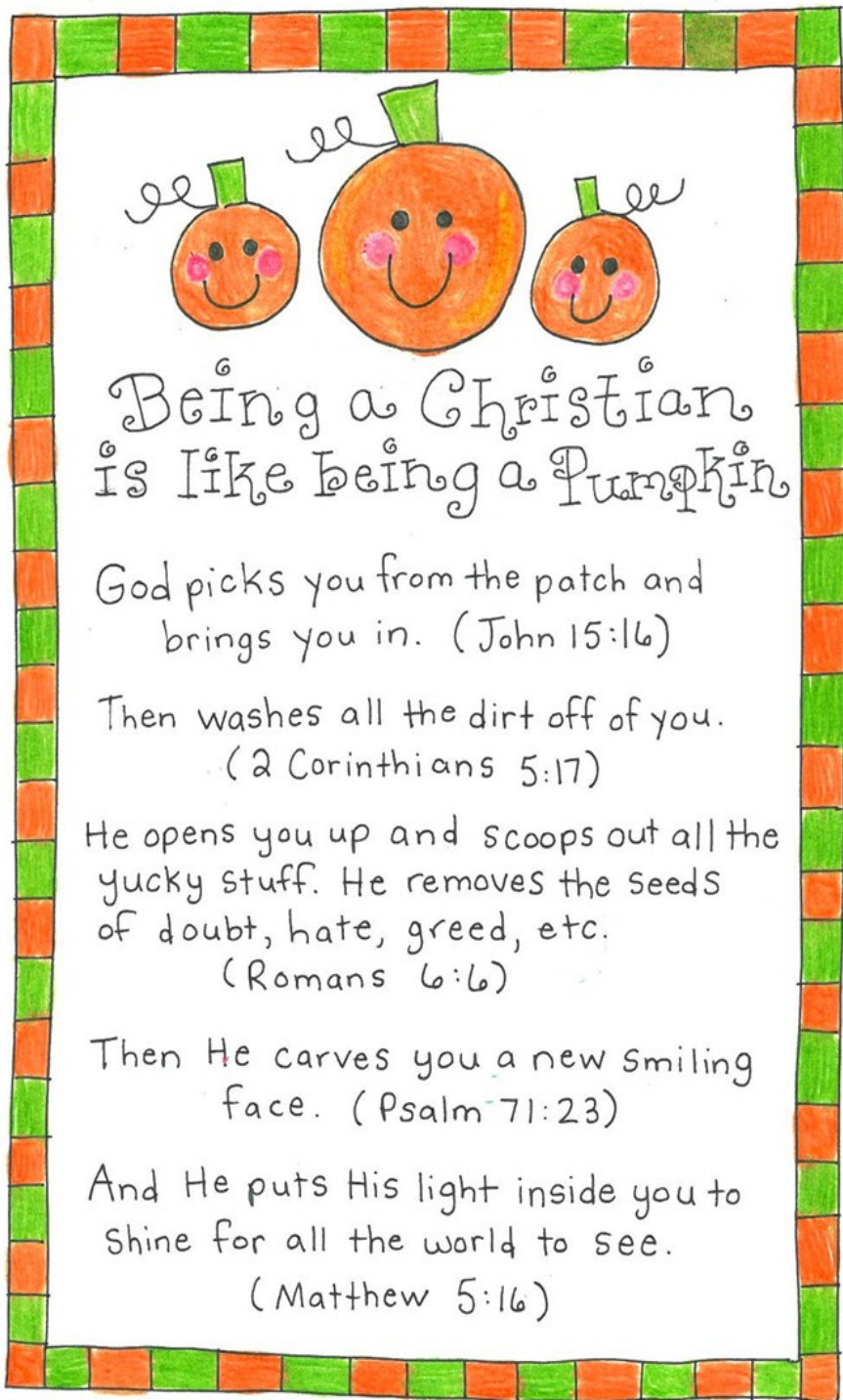
Pre-K thru 12th Grade: Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

United Methodist Men: Thursdays 7:00 am

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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.

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Being a Christian
is like being a Pumpkin

God picks you from the patch and
brings you in. (John 15:16)

Then washes all the dirt off of you.
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the
yucky stuff. He removes the seeds
of doubt, hate, greed, etc.
(Romans 6:6)

Then He carves you a new smiling
face. (Psalm 71:23)

And He puts His light inside you to
shine for all the world to see.
(Matthew 5:16)

Happy Home Fairy

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED

Wednesday, October 11 **Fields of Faith** will be held in San Angelo at the ASU Stadium .

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Sunday, October 15th The **Trustees, Finance and Administrative Council** will be meeting. The Trustees' meeting starts at 5:00 p.m., Finance at 5:30 p.m. and Administrative Council at 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30 p.m **Mertzon Community Luncheon** Come visit with your friends and neighbors while enjoying a delicious meal.

Thursday, October 19th at 4:30 p.m. **Arbor Terrace Ministry**—Arbor Terrace is a nursing home in San Angelo that FUMC Mertzon adopted. Please come and join us for a good time as we sing and visit with the residents. The smiles you receive are well worth your time.

Saturday, October 21st. **Community Prayer Breakfast**

Tuesday, October 24th **Irion County Food Pantry** at the Mertzon Community Center. Food items are gathered and sacked up beginning at 11:00 a.m. then handed out between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

October 26-29, Thursday thru Friday. **Women's Emmaus Walk 2188**

Monday, October 30th at 7:00 p.m **Christians in the Kitchen** . Come and see what's cooking!