

WEEKLY UPDATE

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A Word From Our Pastor

Jesus is Lord. That was the defiant cry of Christians who refused to pay homage to Caesar. It's been the confession of the Church since its birth. Both history and our lived experiences will tell us that, whoever is walking the halls of power, our choices are our own.

Passions have run hotter and hotter with each election cycle for years. There is anger. There is frustration. There is hope. There is despair. And when we get caught up in the moods of the media and the culture, it's easy to feel whichever of those feelings come to us first.

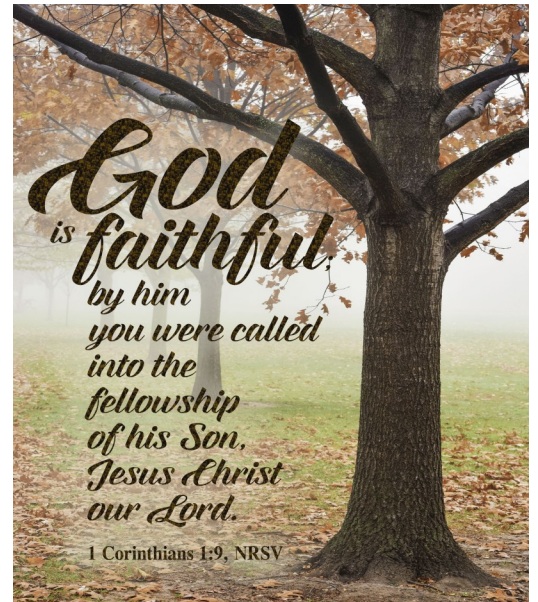
Still, Jesus is Lord. And what place does our Lord give us in our world and our culture? "You are the salt of the earth," Jesus tells us in Matthew 5:13. He continues, "but if the salt loses its taste, how can its saltiness be restored?" Then he moves to another image: "You are the light of the world...no one hides a lamp under a bucket." Salt and light are not so concerned with calling the shots as they are with doing what they are meant for. They are everyday elements, and they improve our lives.

What does it mean to bring light to the world around us? What does it mean to season the world with goodness? I will leave those questions for you to answer.

No matter our feelings about our political realities, our cultural situations, our economic woes, or our social worries, let us not lose sight of our rightful calling: to follow Jesus our Lord, and to bring light to the world.

See you Sunday!

Rhea



RAFFLE DRAWING @3:30

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**
203 S. HOUSTON STREET KAUFMAN, TX 75142

**SATURDAY
NOV 16
9am - 4pm**

**KID'S GAMES & CRAFTS
Meet Santa!
1-3 PM**

Lots of Vendors • Food Available



Vendors and volunteers needed for the Christmas Bazaar!

This year we are adding games and activities for kids! To help with kids area, work at the raffle table, or other volunteer opportunities, or if you would like a vendor application, contact Charrise Martin, 469-410-1895, or charrisemartin@hotmail.com

Cooking with Katie
Where?
Kaufman County Extension Office
2471 N State Hwy 34, Kaufman, TX

When & What?
Tuesday, October 29, 2024 @10 AM
Pressure Cooking (Instant Pot)
Master the art of pressure cooking with Katie! Learn the ins & outs of using a pressure cooker, explore its benefits, and get tips for cooking a variety of dishes. Watch a live demonstration and enjoy delicious samples while discovering how to make meal prep easier and more efficient!

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 @10 AM
Air Fryer 101
Discover the basics of air frying with Katie! Learn about different types of air fryers, their benefits, tips for perfecting your meals and which foods work best. Watch a live cooking demonstration and enjoy tasty samples while picking up essential cleaning tips to keep your air fryer in top shape.

Further Details:
Cost is \$10 per class, per person

Please RSVP:
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<https://kaufman.agrilife.org/>

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Methodist Women are sponsoring a Churchwide Thanksgiving Lunch after worship service on November 17. Bring a side dish or dessert if you can, but even if you don't have a chance too bring anything, please stay. There will be plenty of food for everyone as we dine on Turkey, Dressing, and all the trimmings. Join us for Fellowship, Inspiration, and remembrance of those who have gone before us and a celebration of what we have to be thankful for.





The Turtle On The Post

Two retired men met for dinner one evening. They began to talk about the influence their fathers had on them.

One man, Ev, recalled that every time something went wrong his father would remark, "Well, remember the turtle on the post," then the father would walk away. Ev did not pay much attention to what the father was communicating. However, when Ev was a college student and a bit more mature and prone to listen to his father, he heard his dad make the statement again. "Remember the turtle on the post." Then the father turned and started to walk away.

It was then that Ev stopped him, "Well, Dad," he said, "what about the turtle on the post? You always say that and walk away. What do you mean?"

The father looked at the young man and said, "Do you know how the turtle got up on the post?"

"No," answered Ev.

"No?" replied the father, "Well, he had help."

Think about it. Where would we be without family members, friends or fellow Christians to help, advise and encourage us? The turtle needed help and so do we. "In Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others" (Romans 12:5).

-A true story told by Ev to Charles Ferrell

In God's Presence

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Glory and honor are in His presence; strength and gladness are in His place.

(1 Chronicles 16:27)

It is impossible for us with our imperfect minds to grasp the greatness of God.

It is simply beyond our comprehension. However, God's Word gives us some really amazing insight into His character.

You know, in the Old Testament very few people were allowed into God's presence in the Holy of Holies because God is just that...holy. Now, because of Christ's blood, that veil separating the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies has been torn in two.

Jesus is our High Priest, and because of that we have access to the Father. This doesn't make God less holy. It just means that because of Christ's blood those barriers have been removed.

In God's presence are glory, honor, strength, gladness, and a host of other wonderful characteristics. Our God is truly awesome! We can see that in creation, at Calvary, at the garden tomb, and in our own lives.

Yes, God wants very much to be involved in our lives. He wants to be included in every aspect of our marriages, families, careers, and more! Great God that He is, He still cares for each of us individually. How about it? Will you let Him have the primary place in your heart and home?

Dear Lord, It's hard to understand why a great God like You would want to invest so much in a sinner like me, but I am so grateful and thankful that You do, Lord.

In Jesus name, Amen

Love and Blessings,
Karen



Worship the Lord

**in all his
Holy Splendor!**

Psalms 96:9



Mike and Shiloh are excited to lead our youth with biblical teaching, encouraging them to live into their growing faith, and mentor them as they seek to apply Christian values in their daily relationships.

Mike will bring the donuts!

Bring your children ages Pre-k through 5th grade to our weekly Sunday School Class in the Orange Room. With games, video, songs, activities, and bible lessons, Leslie, Robin, and Tana will help your kiddos learn what matters most is to Simply Love Jesus and each other.



1 John 4:7 'Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God.'



Kaufman FUMC Missions

- Kaufman Meals on Wheels
- First Fruits Sunday - The Center
- NOW (Nutrition On Weekends)
- Pastor Discretionary Fund
- ERT (Early Response Team)
- Ramp Building Team
- FUMC Greeting Card Ministry

If you would like more information about any of these local missions, contact Pam in the church office.

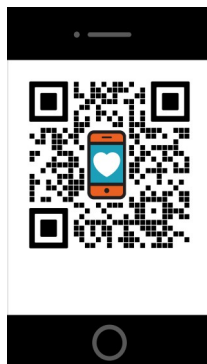
Options for e-giving:

<https://onrealm.org/FirstUnitedMeth61253/give/gifts>

You may scan the QR code to the right with your phone

OR

Text "FUMC208HOUSTON" to 73256 to give using your mobile device.



We are grateful for your gift to First United Methodist Church - Kaufman.

Birthday Blessings!

Carol Wilson - November 1
Cleo Hefferan - November 3
Doug Lindsey - November 6
Betty Hendrickson - November 7
Mike Parker - November 9
Carol Cooper - November 17
Charles Wende - November 20
Dale Cary - November 24
Alfred Wilson - November 24
Marty Spaulding - November 27
Steve Gibbs - November 29
Mary Terry - November 30

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 10, Laity Sunday

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Children & Youth Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday, November 12

6:30 Kaufman Bee Club Christmas Dinner
7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting, Admin Bldg Meeting Room

Wednesday, November 13

10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Trinity Rehearsal
5:30 p.m. Children's Choir, Room 11
5:45 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
6:00 p.m. Adult Handbell Choir
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14

6:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting

Friday, November 15

1:30 p.m. Home School Group

Saturday, November 16

9:00 - 4:00 Christmas Bazaar



NOW Backpack at OP Norman Jr. High

At this time we have 18 students identified as in need for the service.

Below is the list of things that are in need:

Shampoo and Conditioner
peanut butter
tuna or chicken pouches
small juices

The Leadership class and Mrs. Maly thank you so much for the generosity of the church. It helps out tremendously!

Senior Connect - Kaufman Meals on Wheels

Partnering with Senior Connect, our church delivers a hot meal to our neighbors each Wednesday throughout the year.

If you would like to learn more about this ministry, please contact Pam Caffey.



- * November 16 - Christmas Bazaar for
- * November 17 - Methodist Women hosts
Thanksgiving Lunch
- * December 8 - Christmas Concert with Corey McCurry
- * December 15 - Cantata with College Mound

