

SERVING THE LORD

IN WORSHIP:

Ushers:

- 10/1 Marion Edwards - Steward
Mike Jackson - Chair
Jim Davis, Russ Cotton, Freddie Campbell,
Jimmy C. Taylor, Rabon Scott
- 10/8 Russ Cotton - Steward
Jamie Craig - Chair
Ralph Atkinson, John Paul Williams III,
Kevin Edwards, Rus Sloan, Mike Singletary
- 10/15 Charles Bethea - Steward
Gordon Harper - Chair
Weege Harper, Keith Stewart, Joe Powell,
Gil Wiggins, Thomas McElveen
- 10/22 Mike Jackson - Steward
Paul DeMarco - Chair
Mary Lloyd Williams, David Edwards,
Joe Edwards, Johnson Atkinson,
Carson Whittington
- 10/29 Mike Jackson - Steward
Vick Meetze - Chair
Anna Meetze, Brian Nolan, Rusty Cotton,
Martha Parker, Jim McCormick

OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

- Caregivers:* Yvonne Sawyer - Chair
Chris Jackson - Co-Chair
Renee Atkinson, Glenda Burch,
Norma Coote, Brenda Gasque,
Lucta Nolan, Deby Strickland,
Jerri Turbeville



THE CHILDREN:

- 10/1: *Nursery & Preschool:*
Jackie Woodberry
Stacy Wilbanks
Middle Elementary:
Betty Anne Sloan
Youth:
Ann Flynn
- 10/8 *Nursery & Preschool:*
Jackie Woodberry
Alicia Whittington
Middle Elementary:
Audrey Wiggins
Youth:
Sandy Eaddy
- 10/15: *Nursery & Preschool:*
Jackie Woodberry
Renee Atkinson
Middle Elementary:
Ryan McCormick
Youth:
Maggie Beck
- 10/22: *Nursery & Preschool:*
Jackie Woodberry
Candace Williams
Middle Elementary:
Susan Singletary
Youth:
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- 10/29: *Nursery & Preschool:*
Jackie Woodberry
Lindsey McElveen
Middle Elementary:
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Youth:
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The Covenant

There are many different covenants made between God and ordinary people throughout scripture. Each covenant agreement, from Adam who broke covenant to Abraham who kept covenant and experienced the fullness of God's blessings for generations, involved trusting God. This month at First Methodist, we are celebrating our covenant with God.

There are only three times we take vows before God and the Church family and make covenant with God:

- Marriage Covenant
- Baptismal Covenant
- The Covenant made when joining the Church

Our focus for October will be the covenant we made as we joined the Church. We begin the month:

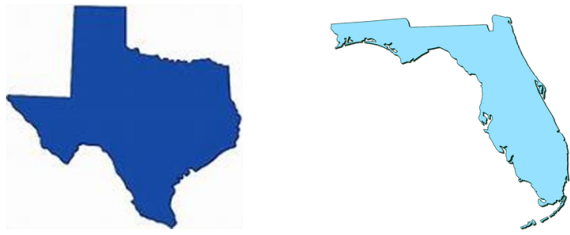
- Oct. 1st A celebration of the New Covenant with World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 8th The Vows of Membership: Our Prayers and Presence
- Oct. 15th The Vows of Membership: God's Tithes, Our Gifts and Offering
- Oct. 22nd The Vows of Membership: Servants of the King
- Oct. 29th Covenant Sunday: Renewing the Covenant

On Covenant Sunday, you will have the opportunity during worship to renew your covenant with God. This will include each of us bringing tithes and gifts pledge cards in sealed, stamped, and self addressed envelopes to God's altar. This is after all a personal covenant between you and God. In the spring of next year, we will mail your pledge back to you so you can see how you're doing fulfilling your side of the covenant.

Please continue to pray for the Church family and your pastor.

In His Service,

Rev. Burton Ott



Treasures for Texas & Florida Hurricane Relief

The church-wide yard sale for Hurricane relief is Saturday, 10/7. Come and be a part of this effort as you sell or purchase items from car trunks, SUVs, trucks or trailers. If you'd like to bring along baked goods to sell, that would be great. Look for us in the church parking lot from 7-11 am. Rain cancels the event. United Methodist Women is sponsoring this event.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 7 - Treasures for Texas and Florida Yard Sale
- October 8 - UMM Breakfast
- October 9 - Lay Leadership Meeting
Trustee Meeting
- October 16 - Church Council
- October 24 - Golden Favorites
- October 25 - Charge Conference
- October 29 - Covenant Sunday

Our CHARGE CONFERENCE is Wednesday, October 25 at 7:00 pm in the chapel. The SPRC will meet with the District Superintendent at 6:30 pm that evening. All Church Council members are voting members of the Charge Conference.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Shut ins: Mabel Dozier, Dot Redfearn, Jewell Wall, Joyce Coleman, Marion Pittman, Cecil Rogers, Evelyn Huggins
Mullins Nursing Center: Hazel Snipes
Methodist Manor: Elnita Vaught, James & Betty Atkinson
Southland: Mildred Strickland

Other Prayer Needs: Bill Wallace, Molly Ott's Mission Trip to Chili, "Experiencing God" Covenant group, Larry Coleman with cancer, Max Johns recuperating from surgery, "daughter Ansley", Cindy Wiggins Herring, Jack Edwards, Pat Rogers, Puerto Rico, Mexico, those without health insurance

Our College Students: Wesley Edwards, Emme Godbold, Caroline Klauber, Polly Scott, Haley Scott, Coleman Ott, Sally Ott

If you'd like to write to our college students or send them a care package, please call the church office to get their address.

First church is pleased to announce the creation of a new music group within our church family! The **RAINBOW RINGERS** are our new handbell choir, made up of children in grades 1-5! They are already showing enthusiasm and great promise with playing these new instruments, which were kindly donated to the children's program. Stay tuned for rehearsal dates and upcoming performances! Feel free to call Beth Klauber with any questions.



Tithes, gifts, offerings
and other income to date: \$256,550.96

Church expenses to date: \$258,669.30

We've collected a total of 614.22 from RATTLE SUNDAYS this year for Mission Trips!



THANK YOU NOTES

From Easterling Primary School thanking the FUMC family for the school supplies

From Johnakin Middle School for school supplies

From Grace Rogers to the Caregivers

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sunday, October 8 - Kick-Off
Decide how many shoeboxes you will fill, pick up shoeboxes, go shopping for gifts to put into your shoeboxes, write a personal note for your shoeboxes, add a \$9 donation per shoebox to cover shipping and other costs, and pray before, during and after packing your shoeboxes. If you need more information call Maggie Beck at 843-423-4923 with any questions.

Sunday, November 5 - Turn in your packed Christmas shoeboxes to the sanctuary prayer rail for a blessing.



GOOD NEWS CLUB

If you would like to share the love of God with children in our community, please contact Betty Anne Sloan (843-423-3777) to volunteer for the Good News Club at Marion Intermediate School. The club meets after school six times a semester with third, fourth and fifth graders.

