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Monthly Newsletter of
First United Methodist Church
Portales, New Mexico

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Mission Statement: To make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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Annual Conference

June 13th @ 8:00 am - June 15th @ 5:00 pm

For details visit the Website below:

<http://www.nmconfum.com/annual-conference-2018/>

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Venue

Albuquerque Marriott Hotel
2101 Louisiana Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110

Alan and Jana Roberts are the delegates from
First United Methodist Church, Portales



The Worship Committee Calendar for June, July and August 2018

June 3rd	Communion
June 17th	Fathers' Day
July 1st	Communion
August 4th	FUMC Yard Sale
August 5th	Communion
August 12th	Promotion Sunday

June



- 3rd Joyce Davis - B
- 3rd Thurman & Alta Elder - A
- 4th Dawn Kuchta - B
- 7th Kelsey Prince - B
- 7th Kenny Prince - B
- 7th Fred & Laveta Patterson - A
- 10th Vern Witten - B
- 10th Jalayna Roberts - B
- 12th Alta Dalley - B
- 13th Beverly Baugh - B
- 13th Karson Idsinga - B
- 14th Kathryn Russell - B
- 15th Elwyn & Cynthia Hulett - A
- 16th James Bradley - B
- 16th Cindy Stone - B
- 17th Matthew Lowman - B
- 17th Reta Neal - B
- 18th Jordan Roehl - B
- 19th Darren Hooker - B
- 20th David & Carolyn Sanders - A
- 21st Marion Teel - B
- 22nd Gary Bonestroo - B
- 22nd Brittni Johnson - B
- 23rd Marvin Baugh - B
- 23rd Ch'ree Essary - B
- 27th Alan & Delia Anderson - A
- 28th Charley Idsinga - B
- 30th Dave & Sondra Myers - A

A thank you from Elizabeth and the Wesley students for all the FUMC does. The Sunday meals, and the extra items ya'll step up and do for us, like the "Homemade Cookies" that helped the students during Final's week, are very much appreciated.



Thanks for all you do,

Elizabeth Kirkwood
Wesley Director

Help Needed Setting up Communion

We are looking for someone who would like to take over setting up and cleaning up the communion on the first Sunday of each month and special occasions. It only takes about 30 – 45 minutes to set up before and about 20 – 30 minutes to clean up after.

If you are interested, please contact Dianne Parker or Cameron Ridenour so we can set you up with the training that is needed. (You can also let Gerri in the Church office know that you are willing to help.)



Mackenzie Privett Honored as Senior Graduate



Mackenzie Privett, daughter of Brandon and Donita Privett, was honored on May 20th as our Senior of the First United Methodist Church. She is the granddaughter of Donny and JoBeth Massey.

Mackenzie graduated from Portales High School, where she was a member of the National Honors Society and the International Thespian Society. She participated in theatre and choir all four years of high school. She has been a member of Lubbock Moonlight Musicals youth program, Moonlight Directions, for the past two years. Mackenzie has taken tap and ballet classes for fourteen years. Mackenzie has

earned over thirty college credits throughout high school. She received the Roosevelt County Rural Electric Scholarship and the Presidential Scholarship from West Texas A & M University where she will attend in the fall.



After church on May 20th, the church hosted a reception to honor Mackenzie. Alta Elder (left) told about Mackenzie's accomplishments and Jo Beth Massey helped serve refreshments to attendees.

Kings' Kids Wrap-Up for 2018



Kings' Kids had another successful program during this past school year. They ended with 15 kids and three have moved on to 6th grade. (Kings' Kids is a free after-school program

for students in 2nd through 5th grade.)

A celebration and Pizza party was held for parents and friends on Wednesday, May 2nd, and the students led the activities and performed special musical selections they had learned during the year.

It takes lots of volunteers to conduct this program and we'd like to thank the following: Jan Smartnick, Donna Woolley, Marilyn Mabry, Pansy Jordan, Lou Sikes, Deborah Burrows, Mackenzie Privett, Jo Beth Massey, Ray Welker, Mike Woolley, Elwyn Hulett, James Golden, Wanda Pettus, D J Dunaway, Martine Bartz, Chyna Bartz and Cynthia Hulett, along with others who stepped in to help as needed.

The program will reconvene in September. It meets every Wednesday after school in the church's Fellowship Hall. The church picks the kids up at their schools and delivers them to the church, and parents pick up the children at 5:00 pm.

Welcome to New Members



The children being baptized are Mark Van Nieuwkoop's girls. Far right: Rev. Don Holladay performed the baptism.

Nurturing Generous Living (Stewardship)

Generosity is a matter of action, intentions, and heart. One way to describe it is the grateful outpouring of gifts to others, out of our love for God. Outpouring is a terrific description, since the priceless treasure of the gospel (and all the gifts of covenant, relationship, and life that go with it) comes from God and is meant to be poured out, through our living, upon others. Paul states this directly in 2 Corinthians 4:5-7, when he says, “We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”



Whether for fancy purposes or everyday usage, the “un-adorned pots of our daily lives” (as The Message puts it) highlight the fact that all of who we are and what we have comes from God and is to be used for God’s purposes. God can use our uniqueness, even our limitations, weaknesses and eccentricities, to communicate God’s powerful presence and love.

Generous living is not just about giving money, or even just about giving. It has to do with the whole of who we are and how we care for our neighbors (see Mark 12:28-31). Each of us brings our heart, mind, soul, and strength. The Old Testament word for “heart” is literally the leaning or thrust of our lives. We might call it our lifestyle or non-verbal witness. In other words, it is how we steward 100 percent of our lives, not just the “religious” sector or the percentage we give away.

So how do we lead stewardship in our local church? By nurturing generous living in our personal lives and in our life together as part of our congregation and Christ’s interconnected, connectional church.

Through the navigation bar on the left side of the stewardship pages, (<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/nurturing-generous-living>), you will find resources for local church training, planning and budgeting; year-round stewardship; funding your ministries through short-term, annual, capital and other programs; planned giving; stewardship education for children, youth and adults; creating a climate for generous giving; Bible, Wesleyan and theological foundations; interactive and book resource reviews; offertory prayers for each Sunday of the year and other stewardship elements for worship; a weekly column on Growing in Grace; great stewardship links; and more.

Nurturing generous living in every aspect of our life together before God -- **now that’s great stewardship!**

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