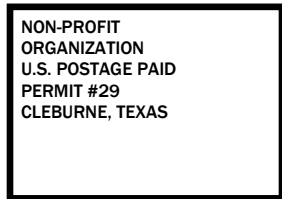




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May 17, 2022

FIRST NEWS

A Note from Pastor Daniel

As we prepare for this season of pastoral transition, I want to share with you a top 10 list of ways to welcome Pastor Bob, as well as some ways that SPRC has put together to help us live into these recommendations. - Pastor Daniel

Prepare to welcome your new pastor

1. Open your hearts and decide that you are going to love your new pastor.
2. Begin praying daily for the new pastor and family, even as you continue to pray for your departing pastor and family. The prayer team will be walking through the Parsonage offering notes of prayer on June 22. All are invite to join.

Come to the Welcome Spaghetti Dinner for Pastor Bob and Judy Rainey — June 8 at 5:30pm.

Say goodbye to your current pastor in a healthy way

3. Show love, regard, and even grief, for your departing pastor. This is one of the best things you can do for the new pastor.

A Farewell HotDog/Hamburger Lunch for Pastor Daniel and family will be held June 12 at noon.

Make things move-in ready

4. Make sure the parsonage and pastor’s office are clean and ready. Offer to provide help or a cleaning service if needed.

Join the United Methodist Men for yard work at the Parsonage — June 25 at 9am.

Continue the welcome during the entry period

5. Take food over for the first few days or give gift certificates to several of your favorite restaurants in the community.

Attend a meet and greet with Pastor Bob on July 3 at noon in the Family Center.

Help the new pastor become familiar with the congregation

6. Introduce yourself to the pastor repeatedly! You have one name to learn; your pastor has many names to learn.
7. Wear name tags. Even if name tags are not a tradition, the congregation can wear them for a few weeks to help the pastor learn names.

Help the new pastor connect to the community

8. Introduce your new pastor to other clergy in the community. Provide information on any ecumenical activities or association.
9. Introduce the new pastor to city, school and community leaders.
10. Ask church members in civic clubs to take the new pastor to one of their meetings.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Daniel

****For a full list of the 50 ways to welcome a new pastor go to <https://www.churchleadership.com/50-ways/50-ways-to-welcome-a-new-pastor/>**



SAVE THE DATES UPCOMING EVENTS

5.14	SAT	SPRINGFEST
5.15	SUN	SENIOR SUNDAY
5.15	SUN	PANCAKES & POT LUCK
5.25	WED	SUMMER KICK-OFF
5.29	SUN	ACOLYTE RECOGNITION
6.4	SAT	BLOOD DRIVE
6.5	SUN	PENTECOST SUNDAY
6.8	WED	RAINEY FAMILY WELCOME
6.12	SUN	HAWKINS FAMILY FAREWELL

TREND SUMMARY

Financial Trends: Through 04/30/2022

2022 Giving:	\$225,454
2022 Expenses:	\$212,761

Average Worship Attendance: 244

General Fund Balance: \$260,341

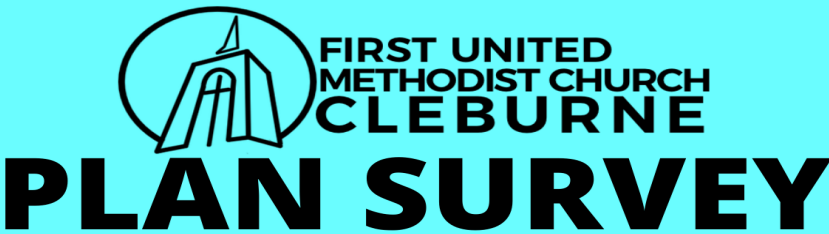
Church-wide VISION Survey Launch

As a church, we have been praying for God’s vision for our kids, youth, and adults during our **PRAY** phase of our **PRAY, PLAN, PLANT, PLUG-IN, PUSH, and PIVOT** Church Council initiative. The time has arrived to hear how God has spoken to **YOU!** This Sunday, we are launching a 5-question anonymous survey online and on paper for you to provide us your feedback. There will be paper surveys located next to the submission boxes in the narthex, Youth building, and in the hallway near the chapel. Go to the church website for the online survey and we will also have cards available at the church with a QR code to scan to take the survey on your phone for your convenience. The results of the survey will help the Church Council during the **PLAN** phase as we work to “*envision, plan, implement, and evaluate the mission and ministry of the church.*” We hope that everyone will complete the survey. Your **VISION** for FUMC is vital and important. Thank you in advance for your feedback.



The submission deadline is June 1st.

Keith Whitworth
Church Council Chair



TAKE THE SURVEY BY QR CODE OR PICK UP A PAPER COPY AT CHURCH

Snapshots of April & May



WELCOME ROBYN & CORA ELMORE



MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION



SENIORS 2022



FUMC Nursery



MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATION



SENIOR DAY CHILDREN’S TIME

Family Ministries Newsletter

There is so much going on as we end the school year and head into summer. We honored seven graduating seniors with new Wesley Study Bibles in worship and followed that up with a senior family lunch. Earlier that day we kicked off VBS registration and volunteer sign up at our Pancakes and Potluck Breakfast. Our VBS this summer will be in the evenings 5-8pm and will run Sunday to Wednesday, July 17-20th. To sign up a child for VBS or to sign up to volunteer, please go to our website at <https://www.fumccleburne.com/vbs>. We are excited to have been able to restart youth confirmation and will have several youth being baptized and/or joining the church May 22nd in worship. Then on Wednesday, May 25th we will a BBQ at 5:30pm to celebrate the end of school but also our Fly Over, where at 6:30pm the 5th graders will “fly over” to the Youth Center for their first time as part of the youth. We will be playing Messy Games from 6:30-8pm. Youth please wear clothes you are willing to stain.

We will begin registration soon for our Youth Mission Stay, June 26th -30th. We will be reaching out to the congregation soon with needs and ways to join us and help. We will be doing service projects in Cleburne. June 30th we will a fun and fellowship day.

Children and youth summer camps will be at Glen Lakes, sign up at <https://www.glenlake.org/summer>. We are encouraging those going to Trailblazer Camp (children’s camp) to go June 12-17. And for youth considering Expedition and Pathfinder Camps to go July 3-8th. Those are the dates we will have staff attending.

Grace & Peace, Pastor Bill