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A SEASON OF GROWTH



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Greetings Church!

I am excited! I am excited to be here and get to know you. I am excited to hear about the legacy and the people that established and handed on this church through the generations. I am excited to take part in the impactful ministries that are already happening. And I'm excited to see where God will lead us in the season ahead!

On my first Sunday in worship, I was so touched by the music and the beauty of worship. Attending Kairos kitchen, I was humbled to see that the welcome my family received was also extended to our unhoused neighbors. The heart of Christ is so evident in the ways you welcome all people into your church home and life. Within these two simple events, you have captured the core purpose of church - in worship, we gather to remember and tell our story; and then we go out to put that story into action. I can't wait to explore ways that we can expand on our efforts to love this City more fully.

A few of the things occupying my first month:

- 1) Conversations - I've talked with a variety of new and longtime members and will continue to do so as often as possible. I love to hear your stories and to get a sense of what this church and its ministries have meant to you. If you want a phone call or to sit down for coffee, reach out anytime (jeremy@fumcbeaumont.org)
- 2) Reviewing bills and budgets - money isn't the goal of what we do, but being good stewards of the gifts you offer is vitally important so that we can maximize the impact of our resources. We're reviewing everything to ensure it makes sense for who we are now and where we want to go from here. Our finance team is finalizing plans for greater financial transparency and keeping you up to date.
- 3) Pushing forward - it is clear that this church has been talking about what's next for a while and is primed to start moving toward the future God has in store for you. I've asked the Church Council to develop a plan with me in the next couple of months to prioritize where you want me to focus and how quickly you're ready to move. Concretely, we'll follow up on the World Cafe conversations and revisit the committee adjustments that began this year. In August, look for more from the Council on next steps.

Above all else, in the season ahead we hope to lay a strong foundation for what God will do through this church for generations to come. Some of that work will be exciting and joyful. Some of it may be challenging and uncomfortable. Through it all, my prayer is that we would trust more and more in what God has in store for us and that we would boldly follow where God leads.

Pastor Jeremy

Rev. Jeremy Wester, Lead Pastor

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

August 6, 2023

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

August 20, 2023

Golden Cross

September 3, 2023

Sleep In Heavenly Peace

September 17, 2023

Methodist Children's Home in Waco

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Until September, the church office will only be open consistently from 9am to Noon, Monday to Thursday.

You may contact Pastor Jeremy, jeremy@fumcbeaumont.org or another staff member for an appointment at any other time.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please keep our entire First UMC Beaumont community in your prayers.

If you have a specific request, our prayer team would love to be praying with you. Email us – prayer@fumcbeaumont.org.

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 [lovebeaumont.com](https://www.lovebeaumont.com)

 (409) 920-PRAY

Meet our Nursery Team!



HI, I'M MATT CARRUTH.

I'm 29 and I've gone to church here since I was 5 years old. I'm a massive Star Wars fan and I love anything rock and metal music. I look forward to working in the nursery and with your kiddos and teaching them about Jesus. During the week, Matthew works at the Anchor Early Learning Center.



HELLO, I'M SANDRA VENEGAS.

I'm a physical therapist from Mexico. I work in Port Arthur district as an occupational therapist aide. I also work in Once Upon A Dream Daycare.



HELLO, MY NAME IS T'NIYA.

I work next door at Once Upon A Dream Daycare. I've always loved working with kids since a teenager. Before I started at the daycare I was an at home nanny. I also have a two year old sister of my own who I love to watch and spend time with.

SUNDAY CHILDCARE, CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL, & CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Childcare is now available during Sunday School and Worship for children ages 0-5. Children will be cared for by highly qualified childcare workers each week. The childcare area is located near the Church Office and the Library.

Children's Sunday School meets from 9:45 until 10:45 in the childcare area, and Children's Church is offered during the 11:00 Worship Service.

If you have any questions, contact Jill Frantz, our Children's Ministry Coordinator, at jill@fumcbeaumont.org.

AUGUST SAFE SANCTUARY TRAINING

There will be a Safe Sanctuary training on Sunday, August 13 at 9:15 am in Longe Chapel. This training is for those who would like to serve in our children's and youth ministry programs and events. **Please contact Jill Frantz at jill@fumcbeaumont.org to RSVP, or if you have any questions.**





KAIROS KITCHEN

Two of our youngest volunteers helped us serve over 60 neighbors at our most recent Kairos Kitchen!

Our next Kairos family supper will be Sat., August 26

Rothwell Hall

Set up: 2 – 5 p.m.

Serving: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Clean up: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Sign up to serve at fumcbeaumont.org/kairoskitchen

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

United Women in Faith had fourteen attendees at our meeting on July 18th. Our next meeting will be August 15th and will be held at the home of Cheryl Charlton, 4445 Thomas Glen, Beaumont. Covered dish, 6 pm.

SECOND SATURDAY FAITH SEMINAR

Out of the hundreds of documents at one time or another are currently considered sacred only a handful wound up being called The Bible.

On August 12th at the Second Saturday Faith Seminar, we will be exploring some of the materials that were not included and considering what they may still have to offer. Many of these materials answer questions raised by traditional scriptures. You are invited to join us in this discovery. We will be meeting in the Faith Questers Sunday School Class/Parlor at First United Methodist Church, 701 Calder, Beaumont, from 9 until 12 on August 12th. Come with a hunger for knowledge. Refreshments will be provided. Watch for the “Faith Seminar Signs and Balloons.” Questions? Contact Neil Early; 409-651-0206



ANNUAL CHOIR DEDICATION REHEARSAL

First UMC's annual choir dedication rehearsal will be on Wednesday, August 9, @ 6 pm. We will welcome our choir back to rehearsals that evening and offer prayers for our new choir season, so it will be a great rehearsal for anyone who has been thinking about joining our Chancel Choir to attend!



SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

From SHP, Beaumont's July Build – “Thanks to our supporters and to all our volunteers, Saturday's build was a huge success! Our 58 volunteers were able to build 61 bed kits that will be delivered and assembled to children in our community. An extra special thank you to all of our younger volunteers who sacrificed a Saturday of their summer with nothing but smiles! Watching kids pitch in to put other kids in a bed of their own is truly an inspiring thing to witness.”

WEEKLY RHYTHMS

SUNDAYS

Sunday School

9:45 a.m.

Family Worship Service

11 a.m.

In-Person & Livestream

Small Group with Robin & Charlie Snoek

6-7 p.m.

MONDAYS

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7 - 8:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS

Connect Group with Liza Nelson

Noon

Zoom Small Group

7 p.m. | Contact Gail Wilson

WEDNESDAYS

Chancel Choir Practice

6 p.m. (Resumes August 9)

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7 - 8:30 p.m.

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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER DATES TO KNOW

AUGUST

SUN., AUGUST 6

Blessing of the Backpacks

10 a.m. | Narthex
11 a.m. | Worship Service

First UMC Youth Get-Together

After church Youth (entering 6th grade to 12th grade) and their families will meet in Rothwell Hall. Lunch will be served, get to know each other, and plan for more activities in the future. Contact Robin Snoek or Jana Windle for more information.

MON., AUGUST 7

Love the City Ministry Team Meeting

6 p.m.

WED., AUGUST 9

Games Day

10 a.m. | Fun & Fellowship.
Contact Ruby Nelson

Annual Choir Dedication Rehearsal

6 p.m.

SAT., AUGUST 12

SHP Bed Build

8:30 a.m. - noon
2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX
Pre register at bit.ly/shpevent

Second Saturday Faith Seminar

Parlor (Faith Questers)
9 a.m. - Noon

SUN., AUGUST 13

Safe Sanctuary Training

9:15 a.m. | Longe Chapel
Contact Jill Frantz for more information - jill@fumcbeaumont.org

MON., AUGUST 14

Church Council Meeting

6 p.m.

FRI., AUGUST 18

Some Other Place Service Day

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SAT. AUGUST 19

SHP Delivery Day

9 a.m. - Noon
2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX
Bring your cordless drill with charged up batteries.

MON., AUGUST 21

Board of Trustees Meeting

6 p.m. | Library

SAT., AUGUST 26

Kairos Family Supper

Rothwell Hall
Set up: 2 - 5 p.m.
Serving: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Clean up: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

MON., AUGUST 28

Finance Committee Meeting

6 p.m. | Library

SEPTEMBER

MON., SEPTEMBER 4

Love the City Ministry Team Meeting

6 p.m.

SAT., SEPTEMBER 9

SHP Bed Build

8:30 a.m. - noon
2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX
Pre register at bit.ly/shpevent

Second Saturday Faith Seminar

Parlor (Faith Questers)
9 a.m. - Noon

SUN., SEPTEMBER 10

Bible Dedication Sunday & Worship

11 a.m.

MON., SEPTEMBER 11

Church Council Meeting

6 p.m.

WED., SEPTEMBER 13

Games Day

10 a.m. | Fun & Fellowship.
Contact Ruby Nelson

FRI., SEPTEMBER 15

Some Other Place Service Day

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Confirmation Retreat

6 - 9 p.m.

SAT. SEPTEMBER 16

SHP Delivery Day

9 a.m. - Noon
2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX
Bring your cordless drill with charged up batteries.

Confirmation Retreat

9 - 3 p.m.

MON., SEPTEMBER 18

Board of Trustees Meeting

6 p.m. | Library

SAT., SEPTEMBER 23

Kairos Family Supper

Rothwell Hall
Set up: 2 - 5 p.m.
Serving: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Clean up: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

MON., SEPTEMBER 25

Finance Committee Meeting

6 p.m. | Library



Loving the city with the Heart of Christ

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEAUMONT

Blessing of the Backpacks

Benefiting Charlton Pollard Elementary
Sunday, August 6, 2023

Reception at 10 a.m. | Narthex
Worship at 11 a.m. | Sanctuary

Our School Supply Fundraising Goal is \$3,000

Make donations payable to FUMC,
Designated to: Charlton Pollard School Supplies

Donate online at fumcbeaumont.org/give
to the CP School Supply Drive Fund



The 21st Annual Tasting for

Some Other  Place

Tuesday, August 15 • 5-7 p.m. • Beaumont Civic Center

Tickets are \$10, and available at the First UMC office and Jason's Deli
Parking is free | With a music performance by local band Mid-Life Crisis

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