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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH BEAUMONT NEWSLETTER • JANUARY 2024



## *A letter from* **PASTOR JEREMY WESTER**

### **Greetings!**

We voted in December to make the transition to a streamlined structure of leadership and decision making. We will have our first Leadership Board meeting on January

22nd at 6pm. By reducing the number of leaders required to fulfill these functions, we both free up more of our people to do the hands on work of ministry and we make it simpler to set priorities and make decisions that will benefit the whole church. If that practical transition is all that happens, it will likely help us take a small step in a positive direction.

But what I have heard since the moment I arrived is that this is a church community that desires to make a significant and lasting impact in this city. We have both the history and the current membership that is capable of sparking change that extends far beyond the church walls. To fully love the city with the heart of Christ will require more than just a transition in structure.

Our Light in the Dark series has given voice to some of the people and programs that have brought us to the present. The next two years will be vital as we seek to lay the foundation for all that is to come. Over those two years, I will challenge our Leadership Board to develop a clear vision for our future in conversation with the congregation. We'll work to build on the legacy we've been given in ways that respond to the changing needs and realities of our world.

There will be much more to say as we begin to work together to lay a solid foundation for the future. For now, I'm grateful for the conversations we have had and the stories you have shared about this incredible church community. Keep talking, keep dreaming, and keep praying that God will continue to work through us!

*Pastor Jeremy*

**Rev. Jeremy Wester, Lead Pastor**

## COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

**January 7, 2024**

Golden Cross

**January 21, 2024**

Charlton Pollard Elementary

**February 4, 2024**

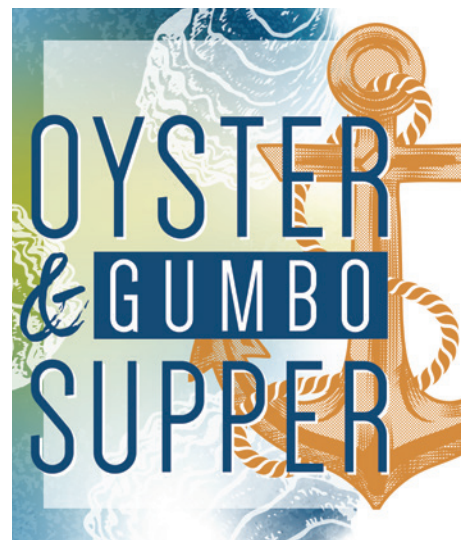
Some Other Place

**February 18, 2024**

Rainbow Room

## GIVING TREE

Thank you First Family for helping donate Christmas gifts for 60 local kids through our annual Giving Tree mission. We were able to give Christmas gifts to 15 families from Once Upon A Dream Daycare, as well as children through the Some Other Place giving tree program.



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**FEBRUARY 29, 2024**



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## WEEKLY RHYTHMS

### SUNDAYS

**Sunday School**  
9:45 a.m.

**Family Worship Service**  
11 a.m.  
In-Person & Livestream

**Small Group with Robin & Charlie Snook**  
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.

**Narcotics Anonymous Meeting**  
7 – 8:30 p.m.

## JANUARY DATES TO KNOW

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

**Christmas to New Years Day**  
December 25 – January 1  
Office open by appointment only.  
Office reopens January 2

### MON., JANUARY 1, 2024

**New Years Day**  
Church Office Closed

### WED., JANUARY 10

**Games Day**  
10 a.m. | Fun & Fellowship.  
Contact Ruby Nelson

### SAT., JANUARY 13

**SHP Bed Build**  
8:30 a.m. - noon | 2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX  
Pre register at [bit.ly/shpevent](https://bit.ly/shpevent)

**Second Saturday Faith Seminar**  
Parlor (Faith Questers) | 9 a.m. - Noon  
(Rescheduled from Sat., 11/11)

### TUE., JANUARY 16

**United Women in Faith – UMW**  
6 p.m. | Rothwell Hall

### FRI., JANUARY 19

**Some Other Place Service Day**  
8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### SAT., JANUARY 20

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

### SAT., JANUARY 27

**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., JANUARY 22

**Leadership Board Meeting**  
6 p.m. | Library

### SAVE THE DATE

### THU., FEBRUARY 29

**Oyster & Gumbo Supper Fundraiser**  
Serving 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
All You Can Eat – Dine in Only.  
To-go orders will be available.  
Ticket sales begin mid-January! Watch for updates online at [fumcbeaumont.org](https://fumcbeaumont.org)

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