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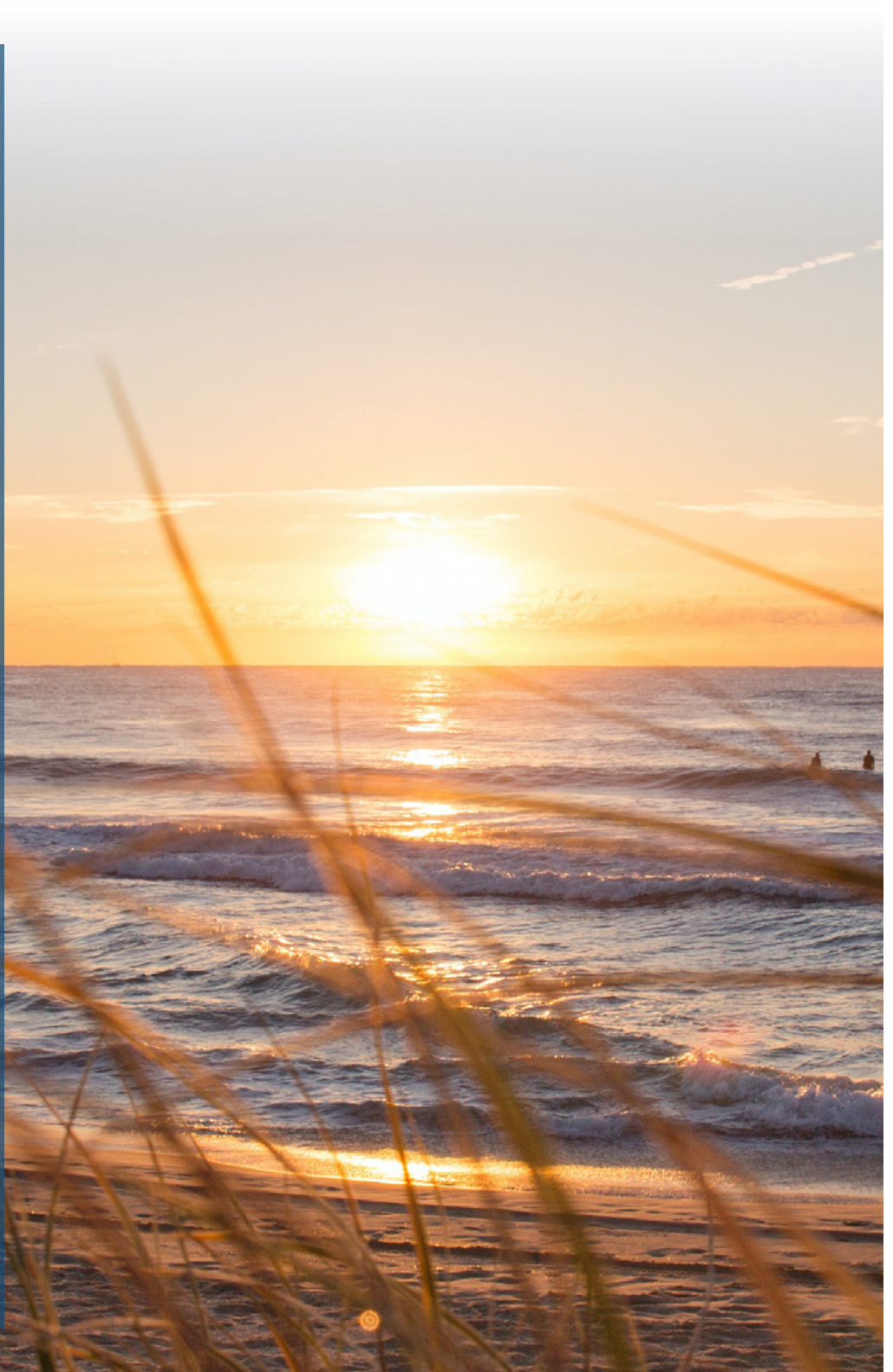
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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! These three "Thank You!'s" only begin to express the gratitude that Holly and I have for each of you and our whole Beaumont First United Methodist Church family. The boxes are down from the attic, the sorting of what to keep and what not has begun, and our move is just weeks away - and it seems like these six years of ministry together has simply sailed by so quickly! Holly and I are so very grateful for all that we have shared together in ministry! While there are only a few Sundays remaining in our time together, we will carry our memories of all we have shared with us always. We know that God will continue to work within and among you to continue to build God's Kingdom here and now!



You may know that as a pastor and person, I look forward to coming home FROM the meetings of Annual Conference with greater anticipation that I look toward going TO the meetings of Annual Conference! WOW! What a MIGHTY WORK God is doing among the people called United Methodists

in The Texas Annual Conference with the leadership of our Bishop, Cynthia Harvey. Bishop Harvey led our annual meetings with grace and compassion for all we have endured, energy and zeal for all that is in our future, and deep faithfulness and authenticity with every word, every decision, and every action as we gathered for worship of God, learning together, tending to our business, and spending time in fellowship with one another! In all the years I have gone to the meeting of The Texas Annual Conference, (30+) this is the first year I can say, "I am so looking forward to every gathering of The Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church for this whole year, culminating in our annual gathering in June, 2024!"

Our Annual Conference daily themes began with REVIVE - acknowledging where we have been in the last several years; and continued on Day Two with our RENEWAL in the presence and power of The Holy Spirit - expressed in worship that included a variety of genre! Day Three brought us to being REINVIGORATED with the very life of our Annual Conference leaning into a new way to lead forward! Instead of so many resolutions being presented to chart out way to the future, we sat at tables with each other and followed a guided conversation naming our fears, sharing our hopes, daring to dream, and leaning into REIMAGINING what may be God's preferred future for the people called United Methodists. Many of the worship celebrations and business sessions are available to be viewed at this link: www.txcumc.org/tac2023/.

Indeed the future is bright and God's call to make disciples of Jesus who love this city with the heart of Christ is stronger than ever! Our hopes and prayers will always be with you that in this new season of ministry you may continue to be ReVived, ReNewed, ReInvigorated, and be able to ReImagine God's preferred future to every growing Beaumont First United Methodist Church Family.

May God's Light and Life live in and shine through all of us!

Jon

Breakfast Celebration with the Stouffers

Share your well wishes and send off Pastor Jon and Holly Stouffer!

Sunday, June 18, 2023 | 9:30 - 11 a.m. | Rothwell Hall



COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING

June 4, 2023 – Rainbow Room

June 18, 2023 – Letchford Missionaries

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.

SAFE SANCTUARY

There will be a Safe Sanctuary training on Sunday, June 11 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.

SUNDAY NAME TAGS

Dear First Family, we will be providing name tags for you to wear so we may help our visitors and Pastor Jeremy Wester learn your names! We hope you will wear a name tag each Sunday so that we all learn each other's names. **Please contact Phyllis Fernandez for more information – phyllisbeaumont@fumcbeaumont.org**

FORMING CONFIRMATION CLASSES

We are planning for confirmation classes to begin this summer or in the fall. Confirmation will be for students in the 6th grade or older. Confirmation is designed to help students confirm the promises that were made at their baptism. During these classes students will have the opportunity to learn about the Christian faith and what it truly means to accept Jesus as their Savior. After completing confirmation students will have the opportunity to confirm their faith before the congregation.

Confirmation classes consist of 18 lessons. In the past we have spread these lessons over 2 or 3 weekends (Friday and Saturday). We will schedule specific dates for the classes after meeting with parents.

Please contact Jana Windle if you are interested in having your student attend confirmation or if you have questions. **Email Jana at Jwindle@gt.rr.com or call or text at 409-656-2148**

SECOND SATURDAY FAITH SEMINAR

I believe it! We often defend the Bible on the basis of faith. Contrary to what many say or think there is a great deal of archeological and other scientific data that sustains the Bible. On June 10, we will be sampling some of the archeological evidence that supports the Bible. Please be mindful this is only a sampling. Come join our discoveries.

We will meet in the First United Methodist Church Faith Questers Class (AKA-Parlor) on 701 Calder, Beaumont, TX. Seminar is from 9 until noon. Bring your appetite for knowledge and good food. Bring a friend or two. Watch for signs and balloons.

This Seminar is being led by Neil Early. Contact him at 409-651-0206 or email at mnealy@bayou.com

ZOOM SMALL GROUP

Tuesdays on Zoom at 7 p.m.

Text Gail Wilson at 936-336-5215 for the ZOOM link. All are welcome.

Currently Studying – Help Is Here: Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit, by Max Lucado.

Are you drowning in questions you can't answer and problems you can't solve? Grab on to the life-saving strength of the Holy Spirit! Reminding you that limitations don't define you, Lucado reveals who the Spirit is, how he can empower us to become more joyful, and ways we can overcome anything when we draw closer to God.

You're Invited – to celebrate the ministry of

Rev. Romonica Malone-Wardley

Gather with us to say farewell as she has been appointed to serve as Assistant to the Bishop.

Sunday, June 11, 2023 | First United Methodist Church Beaumont

Worship Service at 3 p.m. | Reception to follow.

RSVP for the reception by June 1 to
Timolin Colbert – tcolbert@txcumc.org

MON., JUNE 26

Finance Committee Meeting

6 p.m. | Library

JULY

SUN., JULY 2

Come and Meet Our New Pastor!

Welcome Rev. Jeremy Wester, his wife Sallie, and son Hutch at a potluck lunch following our worship service. Allergy Alert – Please do not make or bring any food containing onions. **Contact Phyllis Fernandez for more information.**

MON., JULY 3

Love the City Ministry Team Meeting

6 p.m.

TUE., JULY 4

Independence Day

Church Office Closed

SAT., JULY 8

SHP Bed Build

8:30 a.m. - noon, 12:30 - 4 p.m.
2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX

Pre register at bit.ly/shpevent

Second Saturday Faith Seminar

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

MON., JULY 10

Church Council Meeting

6 p.m.

WED., JULY 12

Games Day

10 a.m. | Fun & Fellowship.

Contact Ruby Nelson for more information. 409-781-6798

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

SHP Delivery Day

9 a.m. - Noon

2950 Milam Street, Bmt., TX
Bring your cordless drill with charged up batteries.

MONDAY, JULY 17

Board of Trustees Meeting

6 p.m. | Library

TUES., JUNE 20

United Women in Faith – UMW

6 p.m. | Home of Becky Nichols

FRI., JULY 21

Some Other Place Service Day

8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SAT., JULY 22

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., JULY 24

Finance Committee Meeting

6 p.m. | Library

MON., JULY 31

First UMC Scholarship Applications Due



Listen to our worship services again



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Our services can be watched or listened to in real time beginning at 11 a.m. on Sundays, or afterward at your convenience through all of our livestream providers.

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.

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
7 - 8:30 p.m.

NEED TO SPREAD THE WORD?

Email your meeting info
and pictures to
Erika@fumcbeaumont.org

July Spire Deadline for entry
- June 20.

Late entries will be shared by email or in the
following newsletter.

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JUNE & JULY DATES TO KNOW

JUNE

MON., JUNE 5

 **Church Council**
6 p.m.


SAT., JUNE 10

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9:15 - 10:15 a.m. | Longe Chapel
Contact Jill Frantz to RSVP.
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 **Pastor Romonica Malone-
Wardley: A Thanksgiving and
Sending Forth**
3 p.m. Worship Service
Reception to follow

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Team Meeting**
6 p.m.


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Fathers' Day

 **A Celebration of Men**
Celebrating all men of First UMC

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Stouffers**

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MON., JUNE 19

 **Board of Trustees Meeting**
6 p.m. | Library

TUES., JULY 18

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6 p.m. | Rothwell Hall,
hosted by Mary Early.

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First UMC Scholarship Applications
DUE MONDAY, JULY 31

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The First United Methodist Church, Beaumont, College Scholarships are available to members of First UMC who are enrolled in post-secondary education and taking at least 12 undergraduate or 9 graduate credit hours. Go to fumcbeaumont.org/scholarship for a PDF application or pick one up at the church office. **Completed applications with all appropriate documentation are due the Board of Trustees Scholarship Committee by July 31, 2023, and may be returned to the church office.**