



**General Rules for United Methodists**

- \*Do No Harm
- \*Do Good
- \*Stay in love with God

# Hamilton First UMC Highlighter



August 2019



## Pastor's thoughts.....

My family and I have been blessed to come to serve at Hamilton and Lamkin. In our short time of living in this community, we have gotten to see a lot of the hearts of this community. I have truly gotten to see people with a heart for missions. God is always calling us into the mission field.

The mission field looks different to each of us but we are all called, by God, for His work. The mission can take place inside a nursing home, the grocery store, at the park and places much further. The mission field can take place in our own community, areas surrounding us and areas several miles away. However God is calling you, how do you respond? How is He calling you to serve?

Not only does the mission field take place all over this earth, but how we are called to serve can differ also. Some of us are to serve with our ability to build up structures, some are called to provide meals. Some of us are being led to go and lead bible study groups while some are to lead worship services. Possibly you are the ones that are called to fund the missions or the ones that are known as Prayer Warriors. No matter how the Holy Spirit is leading you to serve, how are you responding to that call?

Treasures of the Transformed life by John Ed Mathison sums it up beautifully with, "In John 13:1-17, there's a beautiful story about Jesus and his closest followers, the disciples. It takes place during his last days on earth, and he chooses to spend his time teaching a valuable lesson about humble service to others. Rather than focusing on himself, he chooses to wash their feet."

Jesus provides many examples of how we are to live this life. Here, we see that we are called to meet the needs of others with a humble heart and love.

The mission field needs you, the Holy Spirit is urging you to participate in His church as the body of Christ. How do you respond?

In His Love,  
Pastor Sam

### Ushers

#### August 4

Debbie Payne  
Jane Patrick

#### August 11

Genevieve Yates  
Richard McClellen

#### August 18

Kay Overton  
Jean Bloodworth

#### August 25

Chuck Clutter  
Cheryl Clutter

### Scripture Readers

#### August 4

James Yates

#### August 11

Steve Heyroth

#### August 18

Rodney Craddick

#### August 25

Richard McClellen

### Communion

Bloodworth's  
Chuck Clutter

**Statistics for FUMC Hamilton**

July, 2019

Attendance

7/07 60  
 7/14 57  
 7/21 47  
 7/28 66

Contributions: \$ 11,470

Expenses: \$ 12,950

**LAMKIN UMC**



Lamkin UMC continues its monthly third Sunday celebration with music, food, and fellowship after worship. Lamkin UMC meets for worship each Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.

**Lamkin Attendance**

7/07—18  
 7/14—19  
 7/21—18  
 7/28—19

**In Our Prayers**

Acy Watson Family

**Military**

Tonya Wells

Didarov

Alec Ravenstahl

Cole Wells

**Homebound or Nursing Home**

Tex Allison

Joyce Havens

Minerva Thomas

Lurine Wilson

VB & Velda Munday

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

If you would like to give the altar flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one please contact the office and let them know. We would need to know who is it in honor or memory of, if there is a special occasion, given by whom, and the date you would like to place the altar flowers. The cost for the flowers is \$15. If you have any questions you can contact the office or Linda McClellen.



The GriefShare Program will be starting back up in September and is open to the local community. Community members who have experienced the death of a family member or friend are invited to the GriefShare program held at Hamilton FUMC. This nondenominational program features Christ-centered, biblical teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. The DVD seminar features nationally respected grief experts and real-life stories of people, followed by a small group discussion about what was seen on the DVD.

Many grieving people find they are only beginning the work of healing when friends or family have returned to their daily life routines. Past participants have related how helpful the information and follow-up discussions were to them. Your bereavement experience may be recent or not so recent. You will find encouragement, comfort, and help in grieving the death of a spouse, child, parent, sibling, other family member, or friend. No matter what the cause of your loved one's death, this is an opportunity to be around people who understand what you are feeling. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and that you do not need to live in bondage as a slave to certain emotions. You will learn valuable information about facing your new normal in life and renewing your hope for the future.

A new session has begun. Each lesson stands on its own so you do not need to be there from the first lesson. You can also attend as many times as you want.

Hamilton FUMC—215 W Main—254-386-8155  
 Thursdays—7:00pm Youth Building  
[fumchamilton@firstunitedmethodisthamilton.com](mailto:fumchamilton@firstunitedmethodisthamilton.com)  
 Cost: Free

# AUGUST 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 UMM: 8:00 FH 9:30 AM Focus Care Bible Study	2	3
4	5 10 AM Focus Care Worship Service Boy Scouts 6:00YB	6 Transformation Study Group 6:00 YB Myles Henkes	7 UMW: 9:30 FH Prayer Ministry 6:00 MS Damon Thompson	8 UMM: 8:00 FH 9:30 AM Focus Care Bible Study	9 Hank Gloff	10
11	12 10 AM Focus Care Worship Service	13 Transformation Study Group 6:00 YB	14 Prayer Ministry 6:00 MS	15 UMM: 8:00 FH 9:30 AM Focus Care Bible Study	16	17
18 9:15 AM 3rd Sunday Breakfast Martha Henkes	19 10 AM Focus Care Worship Service 11-1 UMW Salad Luncheon	20 Transformation Study Group 6:00 YB	21 Prayer Ministry 6:00 MS	22 UMM: 8:00 FH 9:30 AM Focus Care Bible Study	23	24
25	26 10 AM Focus Care Worship Service Boy Scouts 6:00YB Cheryl Clutter	27 Transformation Study Group 6:00 YB	28 Prayer Ministry 6:00 MS	29 UMM: 8:00 FH 9:30 AM Focus Care Bible Study	30	31

### PRIME TIMERS

The Prime Timers ministry is a wonderful ministry. This program will provide free respite care for family members having full-time 24-hour-a-day responsibility to care for family members needing assistance. Respite care is a short-term break for family caregivers of the sick, elderly, or disabled.

There are currently three that are registered. There are brochures available in the office if you know of a family that would benefit from this ministry. Please feel free to recommend to others you may know.

Prime Timers meet each Tuesday from 9:00am—3:00pm. There is no cost to participate. Activities include snacks, puzzles, games, dominoes, fellowship, bingo, home-cooked lunch, movie, and more.

If you have questions, want more information, want to observe or you would like to volunteer or cook a meal, please call the office (254) 386-8155 or call or text Michael Langford (254)386-1296.

You can also email Michael at [barnunranch@gmail.com](mailto:barnunranch@gmail.com).

## Silent Auction

We will have a Silent Auction this year at our Harvest Festival, October 4th and 5th, 2019.

The Silent Auction will be held Saturday, October 5th. If you would like to donate an item for our silent auction please contact Chuck & Cheryl Clutter @ (254)372-3075

or by email at  
ccluter@centex.net.



United  
Methodist  
Women



Salad Luncheon Monday,

August 19, 2019

From 11:00—1:00 in the Fellowship Hall.  
Tickets are available from any UMW member.

Cost \$8.00 per person.

We hope to see you there.

### CTC West District Kenya Trip—January 9-22, 2020

Come experience living water at Jacob's Well near Maua, Kenya!

May 1, 2019—Deadline for reservations

15 spaces available on first-come, first-served basis

Cost—\$2820-\$2960 depending on age/cost of insurance

\$250 deposit holds your space

Share medical expertise at Maua Methodist Hospital

Assist at a remote health clinic

Help build a house for AIDS orphans

Take part in inspiring worship

Experience life-changing friendships

Celebrate God's creation as you go on safari

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### HYMN STORIES : It is Well with my Soul

Horatio Spafford (1828-1888) was quite successful—a senior partner in a Chicago law firm. He was also a committed Christian layman who supported the ministry of Dwight L. Moody. But he was faced with a series of tragedies that would have sunk a lesser man.

He had invested heavily in Chicago real estate, and the Great Fire of Chicago in October 1871 wiped him out financially.

Then, in 1873, he and his family were planning a visit to Europe. He was delayed by business concerns, but sent his family ahead on the ocean liner *Ville Du Havre*. Mid-ocean, their ship was struck by an English ship, the *Lochearn*. The *Ville Du Havre* quickly sank, resulting in the deaths of 226 people—among them Stafford's four daughters. Spafford's wife survived the wreck, and sent a telegram saying only "Saved alone."

Spafford boarded a ship to join his wife in England, where the rescue vessel had taken his wife. He asked the captain of the ship to point out the location of the wreck that had taken the lives of his daughters. When they came to that place, he stood on deck contemplating the terrible thing that had happened to his family. But then, sustained by his faith that his daughters were not at the bottom of the ocean, but were rather in the bosom of the Heavenly Father, we retired to his cabin where he wrote:

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul. It is well (it is well), with my soul (with my soul), It is well, it is well with my soul.

But the Spaffords were to endure one more tragedy. They had three more children. In 1880, their son, also named Horatio, died of scarlet fever. To compound that tragedy, their church told the Spaffords that their son's death was God's judgment on them for unspecified sins.

The Spaffords responded by moving to Jerusalem with a small group of like-minded people. They founded The American Colony, which engaged in philanthropic work among the people of that region without regard to religious preferences. They gained great favor in the region as a result of their work with hospitals, soup kitchens, and orphanages—work that continued well into the 20th century.

Spafford died of malaria in 1888, just days before his 60th birthday. He was buried in Jerusalem.

It is tempting to think of the Spaffords as people whose lives were marked by tragedy. It would be more appropriate to think of them as people whose lives were characterized by triumph over tragedy.

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### How does your church develop leaders?

Leadership development is one of the key drivers of congregational vitality in the United Methodist Church. The Central Texas Conference's Laity Team is currently assembling the next class of the [Vital Leadership Academy](#) (VLA) - a selective, six-month leadership development program for lay people. The VLA is designed to identify, inspire, train, and support people who are new to leadership so that they can partner with clergy to lead positive change in local congregations.

The program consists of three main parts: large group retreats, small group gatherings and engagement with personal spiritual practices.

As a church leader, please consider who from your church might be a good fit for the VLA. If you have someone in mind, encourage him or her to find out more about the program by visiting [ctcumc.org/vla](http://ctcumc.org/vla). Offer to write a letter of recommendation. Even if unable to commit to the VLA, he or she will be encouraged by your invitation. This is a great way for you to support the development of another leader in your church.

To apply, potential participants should fill out the [online application](#) at [ctcumc.org/VLAApplication](http://ctcumc.org/VLAApplication) before **Sept. 1, 2019**. Not every applicant will be selected, but people may apply in future years.

If you have any questions, please email me at [kevinwalters@ctcumc.org](mailto:kevinwalters@ctcumc.org).

In Christ,  
Kevin Walters

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We are also on Facebook.

Office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Mon.-Thurs. Closed on Fridays. Answering machine is checked throughout the week.

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*Hamilton First United Methodist Church*



## *Regular Weekly Meetings*

Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

Choir Practice: 10:30 a.m., Sundays

UMW: 1st Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

UMM: Every Thursday morning, 8:00 a.m.

Griefshare: Every Thursday, 7:00 pm, Youth Bldg