

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 19, 2021

Welcome! If you are a first-time visitor, please fill out a yellow card and drop it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. To request prayer, simply complete a blue card and place it in the offering plate for inclusion in today's pastoral prayer.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE CHIMING OF THE 10 O'CLOCK HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP AND PROCESSION OF THE ACOLYTE

"O Come, Let Us Adore Him"
UMH 234 REFRAIN

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The Brazeal Family

HYMN

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
UMH 240

OFFERTORY PRAYER

RECEIVING GOD'S TITHES & OUR OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

APOSTLES' CREED AND GLORIA PATRI

PASTOR'S PALS

HYMN

"There's a Song in the Air"
UMH 249

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM

"Emmanuel Is Coming"
CHANCEL CHOIR

SCRIPTURE TEXT AND PRAYER

MESSAGE

INVITATION

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord"
UMH 382 vs. 1

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION SONG

"Soon and Very Soon"
UMH 706 vs. 1

Would you like to know more about becoming a follower of Jesus Christ or do you have questions about church membership? Please let us know!

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

TFWS = The Faith We Sing Hymnal

Announcements:



Please join **First UMC Mabank** as we help fill the shelves of our **God's Helping Hands Food Pantry.** By making a donation, your contribution will help feed our surrounding community and neighbors in need.
***Donations will be accepted Sunday, December 5th — 19th, 2021**
Visit the grocery cart in the sanctuary breezeway for a grocery list.



Please join **First UMC Mabank** as we help stock the shelves of our **Angel's Wings Clothes Closet.** By making a donation, your contribution will help clothe our community and help those that are less fortunate this holiday season.
***Donations will be accepted: Sunday, December 12th-26th, 2021** during regular church hours and/or Sunday mornings.
Visit the Christmas tree located in the sanctuary breezeway for a shopping list.

Tree of Lights

Give a gift in honor or in memory of a loved one this holiday season! Visit our **Sisters-In-Service Tree of Lights** throughout Advent to hang an ornament in honor of in memory of a loved one on the Christmas tree located in the church narthex.
All proceeds benefit the Angel Wings Clothes Closet, Health Bags for Love's Outreach, House of Hope in Honduras, Back to School Clothes/Supplies, Helping Hands Desk, Crisis Center of Athens, Forever Families, and many local needs.
Dates: 11/28, 12/5, 12/12, & 12/19.



Candlelight Services
Friday, December 24, 2021
6:00 p.m. * & 11:00 p.m.
*Also livestreamed via our YouTube Channel: FUMC Mabank
FUMC Mabank 501 South Third Street Mabank, TX 75147 903-887-3691 fumemabank.com



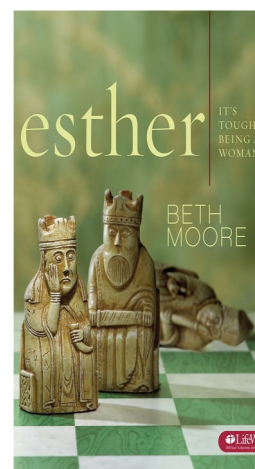
Today's Altar Flower Arrangements:

Given by Carol Earley in celebration of Ronald and Susan Pruetts' 59th anniversary.

Given by Susan Pruetts in loving memory of William Earley.

Beth Moore

10 Week Women's Bible Study.



Our 10 Week Bible Study will begin Thursday, January 6th!

Thursday Evenings at FUMC Mabank. 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the conference room.

For further questions, please call Mary Ann Richardson at 903-498-8660.

*Study books may be purchased online via Amazon or Lifeway or one can be ordered for you. Books are approx. \$16.00.

Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman - Bible Study
Join Beth in a very personal examination of this great story of threat and deliverance as she peels back the layers of history and shows how very contemporary and applicable the story of Esther is to our lives today.
If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seemed overpowering, this is the Bible study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. This portion of God's Word contains treasures to aid us in our hurried, harried, and pressured lives.

Monday Morning



Stretching Class

Class has been postponed

until January 10, 2022.

First UMC Mabank Holiday Schedule:

The church office will be closed **Monday, December 27, 2021 - January 1, 2022.**

ALL previously scheduled activities have been postponed until the following week including utility and food assistance.

Happy Birthday:

Please contact the office to add or correct your birthday.

12/06: Robert Hays, Cliff Watts

12/07: Ray Sullivan

12/09: Michael Moore

12/11: Mary Bohnhoff, Charlotte Knauss

12/12: Gary Preston

12/13: Jan Wiens

12/14: Ross Hamilton, David Walters, III

12/15: Kelli Reaves, Natalie Reaves, Sally Simon

12/16: Robert Mitchell

12/17: Bailey Swain, Elizabeth Welther, Nina West

12/20: Paulette Martin, Sharon Underriner

12/23: Peggy Boyd

12/25: Mark Walters

12/26: Emily Herbertson

12/28: Patsy Brady, Mary Lynn Brown

12/31: Mary McNinch

Worship Attendance:

12/05: 187 (In-person) 73 (Online)

12/12: 163 (In-person) 42 (Online)

Finance:

Stewardship Report:

January-November 2021

Income: \$603,156.57*

Expense: \$521,251.09

General ledger data.

*Includes PPP \$32,200.00

Celebrate the season of giving by making a year end donation in honor or in memory of a loved one by considering the following ministries of FUMC Mabank.

God's Helping Hands Food Program
Helping Hands Desk

Cornerstone Scholarship Fund

Walk of Faith

The Church Foundation

The deadline for your charitable donation posting for this year is January 2, 2022.

Checks should be made payable to FUMC Mabank with the chosen program noted in the memo area.

Monthly Offering Counters:

December 2021

Please contact Kay LeMay Gomez to make changes to the schedule.

| Dec. 5 | Dec. 12 | Dec. 19 | Dec. 26 |
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| Maria S. | Richard J. | Cindy C. | Kay E. |
| Steve S. | Dorinda S. | Rebecca S. | Richard S. |



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This is your FOUNDATION, it provides a significant opportunity for expressing your love. The gift you make is truly the one that keeps on giving.

[MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOUNDATION & HOW TO GIVE](#)

Prayer Requests:

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. - *Philippians 4:6*

Please pray for:

Janice Hardy, Peggy Broyles, Tonya Chapman, Linda Daniel, Howard Budjick, Ben Murray, Carol Hellwig, Nathan Claude, Kay Brady, Dylan (grandson of Rebecca Stahl), Mike & Lou Ann Beverly, Jesse Peralz, Chris LeMay, Sharon Benningfield, and Kimberly Meltan,

Family and friends of Martha Holland.
Family and friends of Kelly Calkins.

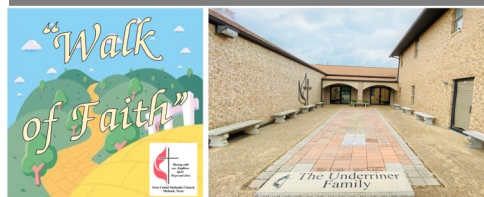
Please continue to pray for:

Wyatt Alexander, Shelley Atkinson, Janie Barnes, Ruby Bone, Tonya Bonsal, Carol Cowan, Nancy Cross, Fran Daniels, Audrey Eder, Jim Elam, Terry Evans, Rose Giordano, Sheila Guill, Linda Hale, Elizabeth Harkins, Gae Honzell, Landry Johnson, Kenneth Jones, Zachery Joplin, Kendra King, Marcelle Lehman, Colley & Linda Maldonado, Paulette Martin, Ben Miller, Bill Morgan, Joe Pickens, Maria Smith, Courtney Hallmark Spencer, Jim Starrett, Delbra Steptoe, Carol Stevick, John Stewart, Linda Thurman, Dee & Don Trull, Richard Wilson, and Linda Wolston.



Meetings are scheduled the first Wednesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the prayer room.

This group has been created to support people who fit the role of those currently caring for family members or loved ones. We know this can be a burden mentally, physically, and spiritually. We would like to share, learn from and support each other. Come just to talk or just to listen! Contact Cindy Crawley or Rhonda Jones for additional information.



The "Walk of Faith" was established to create a permanent legacy for the parishioners of First United Methodist Church of Mabank, their families and loved ones-both past and present.

The "Walk of Faith" memorial/honorarium garden is made up of many engraved brick/stone tiles and benches that line the sidewalk and perimeter of the church's main entrance.

- 4 sizes of stones: 4"x8", 8"x8", 6"x12", and 12"x12".

- Packets are available at the church office for those interested in placing an order or contact Scott Daniels for additional information.

The "Walk of Faith" was designed to include everyone! We all have loved ones, friends, and people in our lives that have touched us in some way, now we have a beautiful visitation and meditation place to honor and remember them!



Comfort Crosses

Comfort Crosses are hand made by the Comfort Cross team and are available upon request for those experiencing difficult times, whether they be medical, personal, or spiritual.

Contact: **Scott or Fran Daniels**
903-451-9228



Prayer blankets are made with love for those who are suffering from a serious illness, having surgery, or going through a personal crisis. Each knot that is tied represents a prayer that was said for that person.

Forms located in the church foyer.

If you have an immediate need for a prayer blanket, the prayer blanket request needs to be filled out as soon as you can and please contact Sue Simpson @ 887-2663 or Mary Allen @887-8240.

Church Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Friday & Saturday: Closed

Community Assistance:

Helping Hands Desk:

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.

God's Helping Hands Food Ministry:

Tuesday & Thursday: 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

Angel's Wings Clothes Closet:

Saturday Mornings: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. Worship at 10:00 a.m.



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Welcome to Worship

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Fourth Sunday of Advent



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If you would like to reserve a Sunday in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please contact Dorinda Stedman.

*Arrangements remain at \$35.00 ea. which are displayed in the sanctuary and announced during our 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Dates for the first quarter of 2022 are available!

Angels In The Wings

The list below is a simple way to remember our friends that are homebound, in nursing homes along with those who have moved out of the area. Visit our address card center located in the sanctuary breezeway to send a friendly note.

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| Roger & Alice Barker | Mary Jo Lemons | Charlotte Reppen |
| Greta Boultinghouse | Jacqueline Lewis | Claudine Salter |
| Jean Calkins | Pam Long | Ruth Snyder |
| Gladys Caulking | Knox Lowe | Pat Underriner |
| Mary Friedel | Shirley Menasco | Peggy Whisenant |
| Jo Gaskill | Sherry Nash | |
| Jessie Kelley | Gary & Helen Preston | |