

PASTOR'S NOTE

June brings a full slate of summer activities. While the school year is over, church activities are in full swing. While vacations are happening and summer trips planned, SFUMC does not have a "summer slump". The month starts off with our Annual Conference at Frazer UMC in Montgomery, meeting the first week from June 3-6. Be praying for myself and Rebecca, our lay delegates Marilyn Sullivan and Lynn Langley, and Zack McCraw who is going as a District At-Large Delegate.

We have two Costa Rica mission teams serving again. The first team will be leaving on June 9 and returning on June 16. The second team leaves on June 16 and returns on June 23. I am looking forward to personally serving with the second team and continuing our partnership with the church in Palmares.

Of course our Vacation Bible School is June 11-15. VBS is an incredible ministry and one of the most impactful events our church experiences all year! My tremendous thanks to the myriad of volunteers who help make such a large event possible! VBS Sunday will be June 17th. You will not want to miss this energetic worship service which highlights the tremendous experiences of the children during the VBS week. I am always moved when the sanctuary is filled with children worshipping God! Next comes Youth Revive Camp running from June 18 - 23. So I hope you will dedicate time to pray for these many vital ministries whether or not you are personally involved with them.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THE SANCTUARY RENEWAL PROJECT

Please note this! Beginning June 24th we will be meeting for Sunday worship on the West Campus in the Youth Area. This is also the same space where Contemporary Worship met previously. Both worship services, 8:45 a.m. Traditional and 11:00 a.m. Contemporary, will be held on the West Campus until the construction and renewal plans in the sanctuary are complete sometime this Fall.

Plans have been in process to help this transition go as easy as possible. Sunday School classes will continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall and Reed Building as normal. The coffee fellowship time will be transitionally held in the large front gathering room before you enter the Youth/Worship Area.

There should be plenty of parking spaces in the West Campus lot and both handicapped spaces and senior citizen parking will be designated. If needed for any special Sundays when our congregation may be larger, the lower parking area behind the sanctuary can be used and a shuttle service will be provided. *We do not have an exact time line for the completion of the project but are targeting sometime this Fall.* It is difficult to face changes. And we certainly want these changes to be good and positive. But I was reminded of this great truth; growth always requires change. This is true both spiritually and physically. While the substance of the gospel never changes, the form or expression of the gospel must change for it to be relevant and hold meaning. I have seen too many empty church buildings which remind me of this much too often. So I thank you for your prayers and patience as these changes are happening.

With this article I hope you know that incredibly good things are happening here. Once again, thank you for your support and prayers which are making all of them possible! I am thankful to serve with you in this part of God's kingdom called Spanish Fort UMC!

Blessings, Bill



Worship & Fellowship

Regular Schedule

Traditional Worship - 8:45 AM (Sanctuary)

Coffee Fellowship - 9:45 AM (Fellowship Hall)

Contemporary Worship - 11:00 AM (Sanctuary)

Church Information

Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. | Friday 8 a.m.-Noon

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SIGN-UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS

Children

BLAST SUMMER CAMP

2018 | All 3rd - 5th graders may sign up now for Summer Camp at Bluelake, July 23-28. You may register on the church website, www.spanishfortumc.org or contact Jennifer Robertson at jrobertson@spanishfortumc.org for any additional information about Blast.



Youth

**DRENCH CAMP 2018** |

Come join us for a fun week as we are Drenched in God's Love! This camp is for grades 6th-8th (completed) and the cost is \$365, from July 23-28, 2018. The registration deadline is July 6th. For more information please contact Beth Allen at beth@spanishfortumc.org.

SUMMER REVIVE 2018 |

If you are in grades 7th-12th, join us this year for Remedy at Blue Lake Camp. The cost is \$365 and will be June 18-23, 2018. Money and registration forms are due by June 3rd. If you have any questions or for more information, please contact Zack McCraw at Zack@spanishfortumc.org.



All camp registration forms may be found on our website or in the church office.

IMPORTANT YOUTH SUMMER DATES COMING UP!

- Costa Rica Mission Trip 06/09/18 to 06/16/18
- Vacation Bible School 06/11/18 to 06/15/18
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- Revive (7th - 12th grades) 06/18/18 to 06/23/18
- OWA (6th - 8th grades) 06/27/18
- Youth Week 07/09/18 to 07/13/18
- Ecuador Mission Trip 07/15/18 to 07/23/18
- Drench (6th - 8th grades) 07/23/18 to 07/28/18
- Youth Get Together 07/31/18

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER WORKDAYS | We are still preparing for the week of Vacation Bible School and would appreciate any and all hands willing to help us put the final touches on things. We will be working 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, June 5th - 7th. We are sure to have something for you to help with.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER MEETING |

A mandatory meeting for all Vacation Bible School Volunteers has been set for June 10th at 3:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This will be an orientation meeting where volunteers will receive important information regarding the week ahead, as well as, any material needed for the week.



INFORMATION UPDATE ON OUR CHILDREN | As we are quickly approaching summer season, it will be Fall before we know it! Each Fall we ask parents to provide us with updated contact information while your child participates in programs here at SFUMC. We will begin having the contact information sheets for you to fill out beginning Sunday, June 3rd located at check in locations on our West Campus and on our Main Campus in the Nursery, as well as, children's church areas. It is important for us to have updated contact information and any health related information to ensure your child's safety while on our campus.

NURSERY CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT | There are a few changes regarding Nursery Check-in and Out. We are no longer using the pager system as a primary vehicle to notify parents that they are needed in the nursery. We are moving toward an electronic system of notifying parents regarding their children. We will be using text messages as the form of notification to you while your child is in the nursery should you be needed. When you sign your child into the nursery please do so completely by providing your cell number each and every week that you sign them in to ensure we have a way to notify you should you need to report to the nursery. We appreciate your cooperation in this effort.

OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEEDS YOU | Little Sprouts Nursery Ministry – Show the youngest members of our church family the love of Christ as a volunteer leader in the nursery during Sunday Worship services, mid-week programming, and week-day bible studies. Our little sprouts who need you the most at this time are those attending the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings.

OUR YOUTH MINISTRY NEEDS YOU | Volunteer opportunities:

Remedy-Connect with high school students & serve as small group leaders.

Sunday School-Volunteers/Substitutes to help lead or facilitate small group discussions.

Catapult-Connect to middle school students & serve as small group leaders.

High School Bible Study-Help lead or facilitate small group discussions for high school boys & girls bible studies.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities with the youth, please email Zack McCraw or Beth Allen.



WEDDING DIRECTOR

| We are in need of a Wedding Director here at SFUMC. This position allows you to be a part of the special day in a couple's life. You will meet with the bride and groom

twice before the wedding, and then help facilitate the wedding day using SFUMC's policies and procedures as your guide. You will be paid by the family in accordance with our Wedding Policies. Please visit our website: www.spanishfortumc.org to learn more about weddings at SFUMC.

SECURITY MINISTRY | The Security Task Force has been meeting and working on security policies and procedures for Spanish Fort UMC. Part of this includes the formation of a *new* Security Ministry. This ministry is for women and men and will not take a lot of your time. You will primarily be needed on Sunday mornings during the worship service. If you think you might be interested please contact Rev. Rebecca Rutherford.



UNIFORM CLOSET | The Uniform Closet will be closed during May, June and July. Please help us replenish the Uniform Closet for the Fall. We are in need of CLEAN uniforms in GOOD condition, including sweatshirts, gym clothes, shirts, jackets, sweaters and back packs. Donations may be dropped off at the church office Monday - Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Volunteers are also needed to help prepare and sort items prior to the Fall Uniform Open House. Please contact Jeff Comer by email at jb.comer@gmail.com to volunteer or if you have any questions.

JULY CAMP MEETING MONTH | During the month of July we will be singing Camp Meeting songs during the 8:45 a.m. Traditional Worship Services. You may email your favorite Camp Meeting Hymn and we will try our best to include it in one of the services, beginning Sunday, July 8th. Please email your selections to: ministries@spanishfortumc.org.

MISSIONARIES WE SUPPORT SERVING THE LORD

John and Lisa Hamilton; OMS International in Uruguay
Rob and Amy Ellis; New Tribes Missions in Tanzania, Africa
Ronnie and Nanny Calvert; Quito, Ecuador
Monica Maxwell; MB Connecting, in Southern India

COMMUNITY



Wesley Heritage 2018 Tour

WESLEY HERITAGE 2018 TOUR | Rev. Rebecca Rutherford will be hosting a Wesley Heritage Tour to England this November. For more information, please visit: http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/files/uploads/HE18_54437_Rutherford.pdf or email Rev. Rebecca at Rebecca@spanishfortumc.org. Registration and deposit due by July 23, 2108.

NEW MEMBERS

Michael and Maconica Sawyer, joined May 27, 2018.

BIRTHS

Harrison Lober was born, May 10, 2018. Harrison is the son of Jason and Blair Lober.

Mason Andrew Hobgood was born, May 23, 2018. Mason is the son of Blair and Jenny Hobgood.

DEATHS

Our condolences to Janet English and family on the death of her father, George Harrison. Mr. Harrison passed away on May 15, 2018.

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WORSHIP

**2018 Financial Highlights
January - March YTD**

	Actual	Budget	Variance
Revenue	378,971.78	431,349.95	(52,428.17)
Expenses	309,300.03	343,383.01	(34,082.98)

A Note from the Finance Committee:

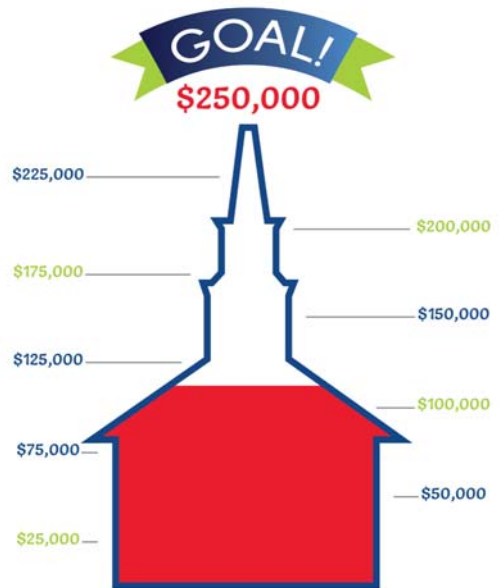
Our church is blessed financially and remains debt free. Since becoming debt free, our congregation has met 100% of the United Methodist Apportionment fund requirement. This is great news to proclaim! In keeping with the finance committee commitment to be a transparent church we have included Year to Date Financial Highlights.

GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE...

- * Go to our website: www.spanishfortumc.org and select online giving.
- * Scan the QR code with your cell phone app for easy access to our online giving.
- * To set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account, contact Jan Webb in the church office, or via email: jan@spanishfortumc.org.



**SANCTUARY
Renovation Project**



Update from our Finance Committee as of May 21:

Total number of Contributors: **147**
 Total monies received/pledged: **\$117,065**
 "Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord;" | Chronicles 29:9 (NIV)