



A Great Heritage...

A Great Future...

# October



I hope everyone is as excited as I am to celebrate our 175-year anniversary on November 4<sup>th</sup>. I got tickled when reading the Coldspring Methodist history book. A section describes how folks had stopped attending church because the climb up the sandy road was too exhausting. After the church was relocated an article in *The San Jacinto Times* said, "You'll have to go to church or get a new excuse, we hope you'll go to church." The tongue-in-cheek comment implied that they moved the entire church into town just to get attendance back up! Well, that's one way to do it!

It's fascinating to read how motivated and disciplined church members were over the years to ensure the *church* remained an integral part of the Coldspring community. We find that same spirit in our congregation today. Many of the folks we read about in our "history" book are still going strong today. As we celebrate our 175-year anniversary, we are celebrating more than a building. The people, not the building, are the church – the Ekklesia. Let us honor those who have given so much through the decades by letting this be their time of restful celebration.

Quiz time! Besides being active members, all these people share something in common – Can you guess what?

Norman Matticks,	Charles Best,	Frank McMurrey,	Marilyn McMurrey,
Frank Closs,	Anne Closs,	Judy Swanson,	Joel McDowell,
Georgia Lapp,	Betty Davis,	Ralph Glassco,	Del Cleveland,
Marilyn Collier,	Bea Glassco,	David Hitt,	Patricia Hitt ,
Marilyn Blackmon,	Denny Clark,	Corrine Wahle,	Patricia Clark

*" 23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) 24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: 25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

- Hebrews 10:23–25 KJV

We do all things for His glory  
Rev. D!

## GMC Conference News

Our Eastern Texas Conference of GMC held a gathering in Humble at Atascocita Methodist Church on September 25 inviting church leaders to worship, pray and discuss aspects of our shared ministry that will help us serve faithfully into the future together.

Our church area elder is Kenneth Levingston.  
Our church circuit elder is Jim Flagg.

Global Methodist Church has grown to 17 conferences and districts combined. Our ETX conference includes 354 churches with 2 in Arkansas and 1 in Louisiana.

I. Presentations for the meeting included our participation in A Class Meeting- Wesleyan Discipleship. Life of a Disciple- Devotional, Transformational, Missional  
A class meeting is a transformational small group of people who meet weekly to give testimony of their life in God and encourage one another in the pursuit in becoming more like Jesus.

- Men & Women
- Intergenerational / Diverse groups
- Internalize and empower us to pray together.
- Relationships to live our faith together.

### Nuts & Bolts of A Class Meeting

- 10-12 people/ weekly 1.5 hour / in a home
- Shepherded by 1 to 2 class leaders.
- Focused on the transformed life.
  - How is your life in God? How is it with your soul?
  - How is your life in Prayer? What are you praying for this week?
  - How is your life in Mission? How are you serving the lost this week?
- Saturated in prayer.

II. Information given to us regarding our local Charge Conference meeting to be held this fall. This is an annual meeting we are familiar with as it has been held in the past. Our presiding circuit elder will attend- we will have more information to come on this.

III. Information given with regards to our year end reporting due January 30, 2024.

Our gathering ended with worship hymns, message from the word – ‘ Be Bold to Witness’, we shared communion together and prayed.

For His Kingdom -

Sandra McQuiggin, Lay Leader



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UMYF- **Lost N Found**

**Luke 15:10 I once was Lost, but now I am Found.**

*Hi church! We have been averaging eight teenagers on Wednesday nights. We've had up to twelve! We are slowly growing. We joined in on the Apostle's Creed class with Mark Simmons and it was well received. We have been learning the difference between wisdom and smarts and coloring placemats for Kairos. I'm working on planning some events for the rest of the year. Stay tuned.*

*Join us for Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. and/or Wednesday night at 5:30*

*Happy to serve,  
Carri Clark  
Youth Coordinator*



## It's Our Birthday!!

Who does not love a great birthday party!!  
#ColdspringMethodist175

175 YEARS!! That is a lot of birthdays- We are getting ready to invite the whole community to our church for a day of games, food, history, music, laughter, friends, family, new friends. Thank you to all of our members that have signed up to be part of this special day. There are still many areas where you can step in to share your party gifts. We will need some bakers to bake those cakes for the Cake Walk. Also need several folks to work the cake walk. Do you know a face painter- maybe a friend or a friend of a friend? Gathering our BBQ cookers for hamburgers and hotdogs- time to show off your burger flipping skills! Would you like to share some of our history in the sanctuary? A sign -up table will be set up every Sunday in October – please stop by and inquire about what is needed and how you can help- there is a job for everyone. You will want to sign up for your memorable T-shirt as well. You can purchase as many as you like for \$20 each.

Let's give a SHOUT OUT to all of our 'Did you Know' speakers that has been a part of our Sunday morning service each month during 2023. The history we have learned from them has been fun. October speaker will be our very own Frank Closs. For November we will have a guest from the past, David Green, who will join us on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> as he will share some history and the word. We will wrap up the party weekend as Pastor David DeWitt serves communion.

Now what is a birthday without gifts? Reflect on this year at all the gifts God has given his church here at Coldspring Methodist Church. God has walked with us day after day, held our hand through sickness and good health, heard and answered prayers week after week. His compassion for our families that have lost loved ones speaks to our hearts. Let us Praise our Lord every chance we get.

Each of you are invited to attend the next party planning meeting to be held Tuesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3pm in the Youth room of the Fellowship Hall. We welcome all ideas!  
Thank you in advance for supporting us by attending.

Praising His Name!  
Your Evangelism & Missions Team



Blessings and Gratitude,  
Thank you for an amazing retirement party!  
I was overwhelmed by your outpouring of  
Love.  
The hymnal, cards, flowers, lemon cake, and  
30 + smiling faces conveyed one message:

Love,  
Your piano-playing friend,  
Georgia



THE COLDSPRING METHODIST MEN HELD ITS' BREAKFAST ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, WITH 32 MEMBERS AND GUESTS ATTENDING. AFTER THE OPENING PRAYER BREAKFAST WAS SERVED. AFTER BREAKFAST THE COOKS WERE THANKED. JON WEBB GAVE THE SCOUTING REPORT AND JOEL MCDOWELL GAVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT. LARRY ROBERTS WAS MENTIONED FOR PRAYER CONCERNS. PAUL HERNDON REPORTED THAT THE METHODIST MEN WILL BE HOLDING ITS' ANNUAL GUMBO LUNCHEON FOR CHRISTMAS ON THE SQUARE ON DECEMBER 9, 2023. PAUL ALSO REPORTED THAT THE METHODIST MEN WILL ASSIST WITH PARKING ON NOVEMBER 4, 2023, FOR THE PLANNED 175TH CELEBRATION OF OUR CHURCH.

SHELLEY THOMPSON AND JANET DAVIDSON WERE THE FEATURED SPEAKERS. BOTH ARE CASA VOLUNTEERS. OUR LOCAL CASA COVERS WALKER, TRINITY, AND SAN JACINTO COUNTIES. CASA STANDS FOR COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES. AFTER A TRAINING PERIOD A CASA VOLUNTEER IS ASSIGNED TO A CHILD THAT HAS ENTERED THE CHILD PROTECTION COURT. THE VOLUNTEER GETS TO KNOW THE CHILD AND CAN ATTEND ALL MEETINGS, DOCTOR VISITS AND COURT DATES THAT CONCERN THE CHILD'S WELFARE. SHELLEY AND JANET TOLD THE GROUP ABOUT SOME OF THE CASES THAT THEY HAVE HANDLED. AFTER THEIR TALK THE METHODIST MEN DONATED \$250.00 TO THE LOCAL CASA PROGRAM. THE MEETING WAS CLOSED WITH A PRAYER. THE NEXT BREAKFAST WILL BE HELD AT 7:00 AM ON OCTOBER 11, 2023. BISHOP CLYDE HARDEN OF THE LOCAL NEW DESTINY CHURCH WILL BE THE SPEAKER. PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND.

ROBERT TRAPP-PRESIDENT

#### Christmas Families

The Christmas Family committee is already meeting. We will have the Angel Tree up with children who need help at Christmas on November 5th. We also give food to the families. You can make a donation for either of these or help buy gifts. The day of giving is December 8th. We appreciate your help.



Step Up and volunteer to be a Greeter at Sunday services.

Contact Ron Orlando  
713-254-7173 for details.



"The Oakwood Cemetery Association will be meeting on Saturday, October 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am.

Please join us. We always need ideas and helpers to continue providing services to maintain our beautiful cemetery."



Pure Joy!

## Devotional

Who's/What's After You?

The Moabites, the Ammonites, and with them the Meunites came against Jehoshaphat to battle.

*2 Chronicles 20:1* Alarmed, Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord, and he proclaimed a fast for all Judah. The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

*2 Chronicles 20: 3-4*

The "ites" were after God's people. Who is after us? The "fear-ites", the "disease-ites", the "stress-bites", or the "insecurity-bites"?

Whatever it is, we can learn from King J's response. The first thing he did was fear, but then he quickly set himself to seek the Lord. He even proclaimed a fast; he knew he needed to hear from God soon.

Like J, we need to develop the habit of running to God rather than to people or relying on our own wisdom when we have trouble. He may use a person to speak a word of advice to us, but we need to seek Him first.

J knew he needed to hear from God centuries ago and we have that same need today.

So, we need to ask God to Protect us from the "ites" in our lives.

## Butternut Squash Soup Recipe

### Equipment

- [5.5-Quart Dutch Oven](#)
- [Blender](#)
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### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons [extra-virgin olive oil](#)
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- ½ teaspoon [sea salt](#)
- 1 (3-pound) butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and cubed
- 3 [garlic cloves](#), chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh sage
- ½ tablespoon minced fresh rosemary
- 1 teaspoon grated fresh ginger
- 3 to 4 cups [vegetable broth](#)
- [Freshly ground black pepper](#)



### Instructions

1. Heat the oil in a [large pot](#) over medium heat. Add the onion, salt, and several grinds of fresh pepper and sauté until soft, 5 to 8 minutes. Add the squash and cook until it begins to soften, stirring occasionally, for 8 to 10 minutes.
2. Add the garlic, sage, rosemary, and ginger. Stir and cook 30 seconds to 1 minute, until fragrant, then add 3 cups of the broth. Bring to a boil, cover, and reduce heat to a simmer. Cook until the squash is tender, 20 to 30 minutes.
3. Let cool slightly and pour the soup into a [blender](#), working in batches if necessary, and blend until smooth. If your soup is too thick, add up to 1 cup more broth and blend. Season to taste and serve with parsley, pepitas, and crusty bread.

# School for Little Children

Wow!!!! Hard to believe October is here!!!! This is a month we all enjoy with cooler temps and making fall memories with family and friends. For those of us who loves the change of seasons the explosion of color outside is always a welcome sight. October is also a month in which is the calm before the holiday season kicks off. I hope everyone enjoys this month as much as we at the SFLC do.

Parents, please check with a staff member to ensure your child has a change of clothes at the school. We do have accidents and get messy. In the event your child needs clothes and we have none available we will have to call you to bring clothes or to pick up your child. **WE DO NOT HAVE CLOTHES AVAILABLE TO SHARE.** Any clothing, including jackets, needs to be labeled with your child's name.

## Birthdays

Kallen 10/05

Bonnie 10/22

Mrs. Charlene 10/22

Penny 10/23

Ms. Sherry 10/29

## Special Events

Halloween Party, Tuesday, October 31 at 3:15 pm, we will post signup sheets for parents wanting to send treats. Please keep in mind all treats must be purchased from a commercial establishment. Unfortunately, due to the health restrictions in place we can't have homemade items. Please **no** costumes that day.

The Coldspring Methodist Church will also host Trick or Trunk from 6:00-8:00 on Halloween.

October 24-27 is Red Ribbon Week. We will send information about each day's theme later in the month.

October 13, 2022, is Pink Out Day. Everyone wear pink!!!!

## Monthly Themes

Along with the themes below we will also have activities to help the children learn about Fall and Halloween. We will also talk about fire safety and stranger danger.

**Ms. Sherry's** class will study Family and Friends, Biblical Characteristics: Tolerance and Helpful

WK 1 Family, Letters Ff, Mm, Tt, Cc

WK 2 Homes, Letters Hh, Nn, Oo

WK 3 Friends and Pets, Letters Pp, Ee, Rr, Gg, Ff

WK 4 Community, Letters Kk, Ss, Ii

**Mrs. Charlene's** class will study Family and Friends

WK 1 Immediate Family

WK 2 My Relatives

WK 3 Pets

WK 4 Community

**Mrs. Randi & Mrs. Kaitlynne**

WK 1 Immediate Family

WK 2 Extended Family

WK 3 Pets

WK 4 Home

We hope you have a great month that is filled with many blessings.

### October Ushers

10:00 a.m. Shawn & Michele Arnold

### October Liturgist

Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Herndon  
Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> Jan Toronjo  
Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> Dianne Griffith  
Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> Lisa Anderson  
Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> Lisa Anderson

### October Greeters

Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> Bea Glassco & Ron Orlando  
Sunday October 8<sup>th</sup> Bea Glassco & Mary Rouse  
Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> Bea Glassco & Mark Simmons  
Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> Bea Glasco & Mary Rouse  
Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> Bea Glassco & Carrie Clark

## OCTOBER Birthdays

Paula Franklin	10/05
Don Sinclair	10/06
Jerry Baack	10/08
Joel McDowell	10/08
Tom Patton	10/08
Barbara Bailey	10/09
Susan Goehrs	10/10
Sissy Watkins	10/15
Dave Hopper	10/19
James Faulkner	10/21
Julie Stuart	10/21
Winnie Baack	10/23
Zach Jenkins	10/23
Sherry Basye	10/29
Bill Walker	10/29
Marilyn McMurrey	10/30

### COLDSRING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual August 2023

<b>Income</b>				
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	20,433.62	28,007.66	-7,574.04	73.0%
Total Income	20,433.62	28,007.66	-7,574.04	73.0%
<b>Expense</b>				
Personnel Expense	20,566.13	16,455.54	4,110.59	125.0%
Administrative Expenses	708.45	1,666.65	-958.20	42.5%
Finance Committee	66.00	0.00	66.00	100.0%
Bus Expense	14.00	166.66	-152.66	8.4%
Christian Education	0.00	208.33	-208.33	0.0%
Children & Youth	88.74	187.49	-98.75	47.3%
Senior Activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Evangelism	709.53	183.33	526.20	387.0%
Fellowship	196.51	120.00	76.51	163.8%
Missions	2,530.68	350.00	2,180.68	723.1%
Music Expense	0.00	162.50	-162.50	0.0%
Worship	795.80	166.66	629.14	477.5%
Buildings & Grounds Expenses	12,839.64	5,544.14	7,295.50	231.6%
Church Utilities	3,396.60	2,937.48	459.12	115.6%
Beyond the Local Church	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Expense	41,912.08	28,148.78	13,763.30	148.9%
<b>Net Income</b>	-21,478.46	-141.12	-21,337.34	15,220.0%





# OCTOBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Holy Communion Sunday Garza Sunday School Classes in Faulkner Room 8:30am Sunday Schaal all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	2 Bay/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	3 Mission/ Evangelism Committee Meeting 3:00pm	4 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm "10 Commandments" class Ken Garza Sanctuary 6:00pm	5	6	7
8 Garza Sunday Schaal Classes In Faulkner Room 8:30am Sunday Schaal all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	9 Columbus Day ESS meeting 5:00pm Bay/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	10 Women with Grace Book Club 10:00am Share the Bread 1:00pm	11 CMM Breakfast 7:00am Finance 8:15am CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm "10 Commandments" class Ken Garza Sanctuary 6:00pm	12	13	14
15 UMCOR Mission Trip Garza Sunday School Classes In Faulkner Room 8:30am Sunday Schaal all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	16 UMCOR Mission Trip Bay/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	17 UMCOR Mission Trip	18 UMCOR Mission Trip CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm "10 Commandments" class Ken Garza Sanctuary 6:00pm	19 UMCOR Mission Trip Trustee's Meeting 5:00pm	20 UMCOR Mission Trip Women with Grace Prayer Blanket/Busy Bodies 10:00am	21
22 Garza Sunday School Classes in Faulkner Room 8:30am Sunday Schaal all ages 8:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 10:00am	23 Bay/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	24 Share the Bread 1:00pm	25 CMYF Youth Group 5:30pm - 7:30pm "10 Commandments" class Ken Garza Sanctuary 6:00pm	26 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	27	28 Oakwood Cemetery Association meeting 9:30am
29 5th Sunday Potluck No Sunday School Outdoor Worship Service 8:30am 5th Sunday Potluck Luncheon 9:30am - 10:45am Worship Service Sanctuary/Live Broadcast 11:00am	30 Boy/Cub Scouts 7:00pm	31 Trunk Or Treat (Church Parking Lot) 6:00pm - 8:00pm				