



The Messenger

April 2025

First United Methodist Church, Quitman, Texas

"Come expectantly seeking Jesus. Follow Him boldly. Go witness intentionally."



It's officially spring and April means that Easter and Holy Week are right around the corner. We will kick off Holy Week with Palm Sunday on April 13th. On Thursday of that week, we will

have a come and go prayer service where you can come and receive communion between 5:00-7:00pm. On good Friday, we will have our traditional service of the Tenebrae at 7pm in the sanctuary. Easter Sunday is April 20th and we will have potluck brunch at 9:30am, where you can learn about how to get more involved in the life of the church, and our Combined Easter service at 11am. I hope you will join us in the celebration of our risen Lord!

Our current sermon series is "At the feet of the Master," a six-week series that will take us right up to Easter Sunday. What sets followers of Jesus apart from the rest of the world? We will look at Jesus' sermon on the mount to find the answers.

Our Wednesday night Bible Study is starting a new study "The Epic of David." Where we will study one of the more fascinating characters in all of the Old Testament. This study will last 10 weeks and take us right up to our summer break at the end of May. Be sure to join us every Wednesday night at 6pm in the celebration classroom.

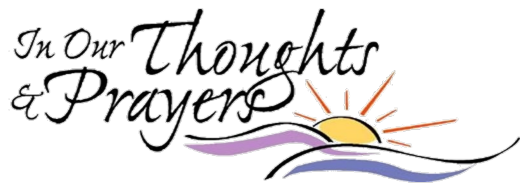
During Lent we will continue our Lenten lunches every Tuesday from noon to one pm. I have invited the various faith communities and their pastors to join us in an ecumenical hour of food, worship, and message to help us prepare for Easter. If you are available for lunch during Lent, I highly recommend that you attend.

There is a lot going on in the life of the church these days, I hope that you will join me in celebrating this sacred time on the Christian calendar. We are an Easter people living into the promise of resurrection and new life.

Because of the cross we know that death does not have the final say in this world!

-Rev. Thomas Harper

***Come &
Worship***



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| Corey Backer | Sandy Narkiewicz |
| Mickey Barnett | Pat Neel |
| Darlene Blair | Marilyn Odom |
| Betty Bozeman | Bobby Phipps |
| Ann Crawford | Mary Phipps |
| Teresa Fulce | Steve Rhodes |
| Lynda Gibson | Gary Simpkins |
| Diana King | Beverly Waddleton-Johnson |
| Stella Lundy | Ron Wimp |
| Carolyn Manning | |
| Sandra Mott | |

*Mark Your Calendars

Sunday

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| 8:30 a.m. | Worship Sanctuary |
| 9:30 a.m. | Gathering J.O.Y. Hall |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship Sanctuary |

Monday

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| 9:00 a.m. | Line Dancing |
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Wednesday

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| 5:00 pm | Meal |
| 6:00 pm | Bible Study all ages |
| 7:00 p.m. | Choir Rehearsal |

Thursday

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| 9:00 am | Line Dancing |
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The Bell Choir is practicing for a Palm Sunday performance in the sanctuary during the 11:00 am Worship Service.

Financial Update as of 2-28-25

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| YTD Income | \$89,162 |
| YTD Expenses | \$65,621 |
| YTD Net Income | \$23,541 |



April 2025

8:30 a.m.

Bill & Becky McPherson

11:00 a.m.

Robert Ferrell
Shirley O'Neil
Robert Ukleja

North East Texas Choral Society

Is pleased to Announce its Spring Concert:

Steppin' Out on Broadway
Featuring Broadway Star,
Miguel Cervantes of Hamilton

Saturday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 27th at 2:00 p.m.

SULPHUR SPRINGS CIVIC CENTER,
1200 HOUSTON ST,
SULPHUR SPRINGS, TEXAS

To buy tickets, or for more information:
Singerscount.org



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| April 1 | Randy Henington |
| April 4 | Jhett Jackson |
| April 5 | Dawn McCampbell |
| April 9 | Debby Slabaugh |
| April 11 | Billy Armstrong |
| April 12 | Mary Jane Young |
| April 16 | Kathy Burford |
| April 17 | Faye Gardner |
| April 21 | Faye Armstrong |
| April 22 | Ginny Harper |
| April 23 | Kelly Roberts |
| April 27 | Marilyn Odum |
| April 29 | Darlene Blair |



Welcome New Member

Richard Lyne



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The Church Council will meet at 1:30 pm in the J.O.Y. Hall Celebration Classroom:

April 13th
July 13th
October 12th

About FUMC's April Rail Offering

United Methodist Council on Relief

UMCOR comes alongside those who suffer from natural or human-caused disasters famine, hurricane, war, flood, fire or other events, to alleviate suffering and serve as a source of help and hope for the vulnerable.

Communion Preparation

Bill & Becky McPherson

Sermon Series

April 6

Scripture Matthew 6:19-34

Message "A Different Pursuit"

April 13 (Palm Sunday, no early service)

Scripture Matthew 7:13-29

Message "A Different Practice"



April 20 (Easter Sunday, no early service)

Scripture John 11:25-26

Message "The Day the Tomb Was Empty"



April 27

Scripture Matthew 16:13-20

Message "The Story of Peter"



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD (OCC) 2025

If you are willing and able, the following items are being requested for the month of APRIL: **Small toys for GIRLS of all age groups (ages 1-14).** Collection bins will be located in both Joy Hall and the Narthex (main entry to the Sanctuary).

Let's have a great kick off for 2025!

Questions? Call or text Pat Kostial at (619) 379-6920. Together, we can serve our Lord as His disciples....



FUMC member Joan Swenson is a master at preparing layered paper art shadow boxes.

This shadow box is displayed at the monthly Veteran's Breakfast. Joan is preparing something special for Holy Week services.

Join us for Lunch During Lent!



Quitman First United Methodist Church

*Every Tuesday from
March 11 through April 8, 2025.*

11:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

J.O.Y. Hall, 207 N Goldsmith St .

Lunch, Music, and a Short Devotional

***Open to Everyone / Reservations Are Not Required.
No charge for meal *** Donations are accepted***

Devotional Speakers

March 11
*Mike Midkiff
Faith Baptist*

March 18
*Mark Young
FUMC*

March 25
*Joel McMullan
First Baptist*

April 1
*Mike Fletcher
Spur On Ministries*

April 8
*David Hicks
Liberty MC*



CHURCH DIRECTORY

We plan to begin work on a new church membership directory on Easter Sunday.

New family portraits will be needed and we will try to take most of the portraits in J.O.Y. Hall before and during the pot-luck brunch planned Easter Sunday morning and immediately after the 11:00 am Easter worship service. Sign-up sheets to schedule each family's sitting will be provided in the Narthex prior to Easter Sunday.

Alternate arrangements will be made individually to take family portraits for those who will not be available on Easter Sunday.

Garage Sale



603 CLIFF STREET IN QUITMAN

FOR THE BENEFIT OF
QUITMAN CHRISTMAS SHARING, PLUS
A 503C3 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

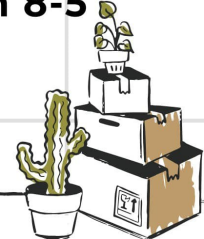
**Wednesday, April 2nd
5-7 pm \$20 admission
to shop early!**

Thursday, April 3rd 12-5

Friday, April 4th 8-5

Saturday, April 5th 8-5

**Shop and help others!
All proceeds assist local
families by providing them
with food, clothing and toys.**



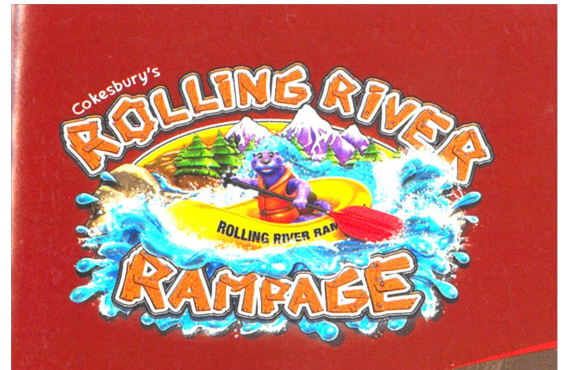
There will be several opportunities for our Children & Youth to participate in summer activities.

**Church Camp at Lakeview
June 23-27, 2025**



The camp is open to 1st graders thru graduated seniors.

For information, contact Judy Johnson or Pastor Harper.



**July 28-31 for FUMC
VBS.**

Judy Johnson is the 2025
VBS Coordinator

Volunteers are needed.

To volunteer, please contact
Judy at 214-770-3135.

It's going to be fun.!!!



For additional information, please
contact Joseph Goodson.
Volunteers needed.

HOLY WEEK

April 13 Palm Sunday 11am (No Early Service)

April 17 Maundy Thursday 5pm-7pm

April 18 Good Friday Service 7pm

April 20 Easter Sunday

Brunch 9:30am-10:30am

Service 11am

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Gathering</u> | <u>WNL Meal</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sunday, April 6 | Youth | |
| Wednesday, April 9 | | Life Class |
| Sunday, April 13 | Palm Sunday no early service | |
| Wednesday, April 16 | | Open Door |
| Sunday, April 20 | Easter Sunday Brunch no early service | |
| Wednesday, April 23 | | Covenant |
| Sunday, April 27 | Covenant | |
| Wednesday, April 30 | | Journey |



“Be the church we are called to be!”

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406 E. Lane Street
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Sanctuary Worship 8:30 am
Gathering 9:30 am J.O.Y. Hall
Sunday School 10:00 a.m
Sanctuary Worship 11:00 am
YouTube Delayed Recording 6:00 pm
fumcquitman.org

HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL?

If so, please contact the church office.

DONATIONS MADE EASY

Want to simplify your giving of tithes, memorials, and other offerings? Then consider using the “Make a Donation” link on the Church’s secure web-site, fumcquitman.org. or simply focus on the QR Code on the right.

PayPal is very safe and reliable and will allow you to Add Special Instructions that specify how your offering is to be applied. It will also provide you with an emailed receipt for your bookkeeping and tax records.

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