



A Note from the Pastor

Greetings Church Family,

I want you all to know I truly mean it when I say “church family”. Jenn and I can not adequately express our gratitude for each and every one of you who reached out in some way to us during these difficult last couple of weeks. The outpouring of care, love, and sympathy has been amazing. We truly feel loved and cared for here in our new church home, and are so grateful for you all. Sometimes we as the church wonder what the “church” is supposed to be...you all have been the “church” for us in the last couple of weeks.

I was honored to have been able to speak at my fathers memorial service on behalf of my family. I told some stories about my dad and we laughed, got a bit choked up, and most importantly we celebrated the man who was our dad. There were many things that made him who he was. One of the things that I have gained from my father was the love of certain music. My dad was a huge fan of The Eagles but his favorite singer was James Taylor. There is one James Taylor song that I heard a couple of days ago and the words hit me. Even though they were written for a different reason, I think they are powerful when dealing with grief and loss.

*“Won't you look down upon me, Jesus,
You've got to help me make a stand.
You've just got to see me through another day.
My body's aching and my time is at hand
And I won't make it any other way.”*

(Fire and Rain by James Taylor)

I don't know how religious James Taylor is, but I believe that at one point or another we all get to this point. We all get to where we reach out to Jesus and ask for help getting through something we are going through. I think that is always where our faith needs to be, but maybe especially in dealing with grief. Because if there is one thing I have learned over the years, it truly is the only way I will make it.

Thanks again for your support and understanding during this difficult time for Jenn and I. We are fortunate to be a part of such a wonderful group of people who we get to call our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Have a blessed day,

Pastor Jacob

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

September

4th ~ Labor Day, Offices Closed
 5th ~ RSVP for Soul Food Thursday
 5th ~ UWF General Meeting, Parlor, 4 pm
 7th ~ Soul Food Thursday, Plates to Go Only,
 Fellowship Hall, 11:30 am
 11th ~ Finance Committee, Moon Building, 5:15 pm
 11th ~ Trustees Committee, Moon Building, 6 pm
 12th ~ Mary Circle, Kathy Johnson, Linda Heller,
 9:30 am
 12th ~ Ruth Circle, Gail Jordan, Janie Sowell, Doris
 Farquhar, 10 am
 12th ~ Little Church School Meeting, Parlor, 5:30 pm
 21st ~ Lyida/Martha Circle, Dorothy Johnson, 7 pm
 21st ~ Emmaus Gathering, Edna FUMC, 6:30 pm
 24th ~ Noisy Offering, Edna Lion's Club
 27th ~ Brown Hearing Center, Parlor, 10 am
 27th ~ Ruth Circle to serve WNL
 26th ~ Golden Crescent Food Bank Distribution,
 Shelby Park, 8 am (Volunteers Needed)

October

2nd ~ RSVP for Soul Food Thursday
 3rd ~ UWF General Meeting, Parlor, 4 pm
 5th ~ Soul Food Thursday, Plates to Go Only,
 Fellowship Hall, 1:30 am
 9th ~ Finance Committee, Moon Building, 5:15 pm
 9th ~ Trustees Committee, Moon Building, 6 pm
 10th ~ Mary Circle, Jennifer Storz, 9:30 am
 10th ~ Ruth Circle, Morales Girls, Fellowship Hall,
 10 am
 18th ~ Newsletter Submission Deadline
 18th ~ Lydia/Martha Circle, Serve WNL
 27th ~ Golden Crescent Food Bank Distribution,
 Shelby Park, 8 am (Volunteers Needed)
 29th ~ Noisy Offering, Mid-Coast Family Services
 30th ~ RSVP for Soul Food Thursday

Wednesday Nite Live

6pm meal, 6th-12th graders have a game and continue their journey through the Bible, to help them grow in their faith. 3rd-5th grade also have class after the 6pm meal. If you would like to provide the meal on 1 Wednesday, please contact the church office or Courtney Mercer.

wednesday
night **LIVE!**



Soul Food, delicious lunch on 1st Thursdays at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall, lunch served as take-only at this time. A printed devotional is available with each lunch. Please RSVP by contacting the church office at 782-3561 by the Monday prior to the lunch, so we are able to prepare enough food to accommodate those interested!

Prayer Request

Grey & Adelaide
Carol Anderson
Bentley Bacak
Brianna Bergstrom
Peggie Bezoni
Kellie Brewer
Lydia & Richard Chapman
Dorothy Davis
Paul Davis
Corinne Garza
Sarah Boxwell James
Michelle Loch
Karen Lott
Alroy Malina
Tom Morris
Family of Barbara Morton

L.A. Parks, Jr.
Kaden Peebles
Courtney Rozner
Nadine Schmeltekopf
James Simons
Tab Simons
Harrison Stafford
Drake Tarver
Marlene Tedder
Tyler Tesch
Larry Vitek
Frances Webster
Lylamae Hutcheson-
Williams

Our Congregation
Following God's Prompting
Our World
Those Fighting Cancer
Turkey & Syria
Ukraine
Uvalde

Prayer request will remain on the list for 4 weeks unless notified otherwise. You may submit your prayer request to the church office *Names in italics are on-going prayer requests.*



The Worship Committee asks Worshippers to bring their coins the last Sunday of each month and drop them in the cans. We chose organizations around the area that could use the financial support as they help those in need.



If you are interested
in being a substitute
at Little School,
please contact
Brittany Powell
361-781-2760.

Helping Hands is looking for few
more volunteers on
Monday or Thursday
mornings.
324 E Main St., Edna, Texas 77957
(361) 782-7543.
Helping Hands is open to
clients: Monday & Thursday
mornings 9am – noon.

UWF Salad Luncheon 8/8/2023 Dixie Shoopman spoke on her Viking Cruise around the world.



8/13/2023 Back to School Celebration Blessing of the School Staff and handing out of the backpack tags!



MYF traveled to Camp Buckner in Marble Falls again this summer for another great camping experience. We were able to bring 10 youth and an amazing new first-time adult camper, Brandy Stansbury. Thank you, as always to our amazing church family for your prayers and support!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

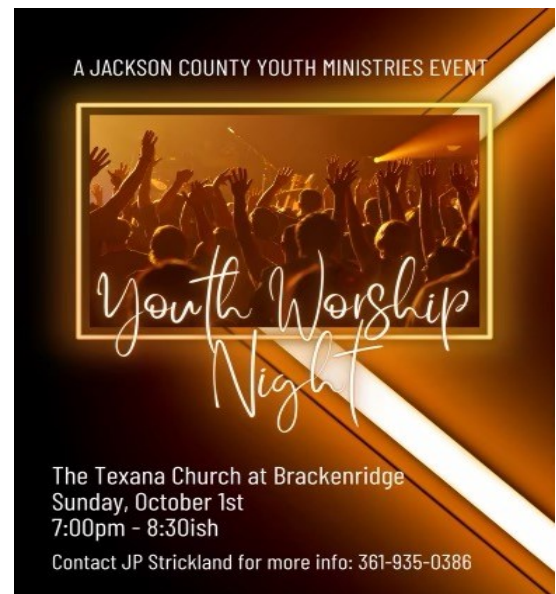
Jackson County Youth Worship Night

Where: Texana Church at Brackenridge

When: Sunday, October 1st

Time: 7 pm

Contact: JP Strickland



The Education Committee would like to request donations for candy for the Annual Edna High School Trunk or Treat! You may drop off your donations to the church office!

Thank you, The Education Committee

Notes of Upcoming Events from the Pastor

Coming up in September and October I will lead a Bible Study on the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter. It is a study that was done by Adam Hamilton, and we will read a chapter of the book a week. The study will be on Wednesday Nights starting on September 20th at 6:30pm in the Moon Building. We will have a few books available here for purchase, and you can get it on Amazon or anywhere books are sold; it is also available on Kindle. I hope you will join us for this time of study, discussion, and fellowship. We will go over chapter one on week one (September 20th).

Another exciting opportunity that I am looking forward to is coming in October. On October 22nd we will have a blessing of the animals/pets that afternoon here at the church. As we get closer to the service and blessing I will get more information out to you.

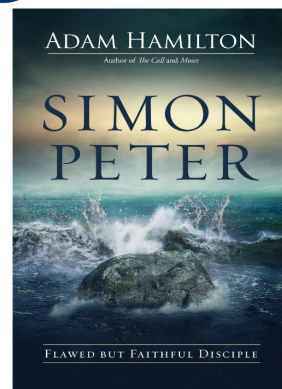
COME & LETS GROW TOGETHER

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Join Pastor Jacob for a six week Bible Study as we take an in-depth look into the life, faith, and character of Simon Peter.

Starting September 20, 2023 | 6:30 PM

FUMC Edna - Wesley Building



A Small number of books will be available in the office or you can get yours on Amazon or any other place books are sold. Also available on Kindle.



NEW Local Outreach – Mission opportunity to begin October 15th for FUMC, Edna

Would you like to help homebound citizens in Jackson County who have Pets? This pet care program will be easy and be done in conjunction with meals on wheels program run by Friends of Elder Citizens in the old Jackson Electric Building. Seniors love their pets and sometimes do without to feed them. This will take little effort. Here is how it will work:

Buy a sack of dry (dry only) dog or cat food.

Bring it to church on the 3rd Sunday of each month starting October 15th.

Place food in the foyer of the Wesley Center or Sanctuary in the wagons

Food will be taken to Meals on Wheels People by the Round Table Class

Friends of Elder Citizens will re-sack the food and hand out the pet food when they deliver food in the county.

We will remind you with flyers in the bulletin in October. This new program will be an outreach just like our Blessing Box and Noisy Offering. This is caring for senior citizens and pets. All can participate. THANK YOU, THANK YOU.

MORE INFORMATION TO COME LATER.





Looking Ahead to November

Our congregation will worship together in one service on All Saints Sunday as we remember and honor those from our congregation who have passed in the last year.

Worship on Sunday November 5, 2023 will be at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.

First UMC Edna is currently looking for: musical accompanist substitutes for our weekly Sunday morning 11am Traditional worship service, while we search for our next part-time Music Director/ accompanist. If you are qualified and interested in either position, please contact the Church Office at 361-782-3561 or email at fumcedna@gmail.com. Please share this article to help us fill these positions. Thank you!

Interested in assisting us in worship at either service on a rotating basis: (greeter, usher, acolyte, Scripture reader, Holy Communion server, sound system tech, worship slides, set up the livestream on the iPad, preparation before or after worship, etc.) training is available. Please let Pastor Jacob or the church office know! 361-782-3561.

For all who volunteer or work with children or youth (Sunday School teachers & assistants, Youth Ministry leaders & assistants, Youth Mid-Winter Retreat, Vacation Bible School, Youth Summer Camp, Nursery, etc.): Training certification lasts two years, and all 3 steps can be done online now.

Please register at www.riotexas.org/safesteps . Two months before your certification expires you will receive an email reminder. If you have questions, please ask Pastor Kelli. Thank you for loving our children, youth, and God!

Pre-K through 5th Grade Sunday School Classes are collecting items for the FUMC Edna Blessing Box

*The box is located on Allen Street outside the Fellowship Hall Building
Mark your Calendars - Bring your items to your teacher, the *4th Sunday of Every Month!* The Children will help their teacher load the Blessings Box.

**“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord,
and he will reward them for what they have done” Proverbs 19:17**

Item suggestions: Pull-tab microwaveable mac-n-cheese, Vienna Sausages or ravioli, pull-tab fruits, tear-open Tuna packages, small jars of peanut butter & jelly, gum, packaged nuts & cheese & crackers, toothbrushes & toothpaste, etc.



Do we have your current contact information from you?

Please take time to update your email, phone, mobile phone, address (physical & mailing), and date of birth for yourself and your family and your anniversary date.

If you've had any changes in the past year, please verify that the church office received these updates.

You may call or email the church office at: 361-782-3561 or fumcedna@gmail.com
Or you may submit your update online at <https://fumcedna.org/>

Thank you and thanks be to God for your tithes and offerings!

In addition to giving by way of the offering plate, especially if you are out of town on Sunday or watching the service:

- ♥ you can bring your financial gifts to the office (216 W. Main St., Edna), *there is a secured mail slot in the door for after hours drop off.*
- ♥ snail mail your check (PO Box 790, Edna, TX 77957).
- ♥ or add First UMC Edna to your bank's Bill Pay or similar feature (include your name in the notes/ reference section).
- ♥ Online Giving is available through Tithe.ly. Please see church website: <https://fumcedna.org/> for more information.

We are still livestreaming the 9am & 11am worship services on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/fumcedna .

You do not need a Facebook account to access this from a computer. Without an account a box may appear asking you to log in, you can click "Not Now" (located at the bottom of the box) and the box will shrink.

Pastor

Rev. Jacob Hunter

Music Director

Open Position

Praise Band Leader

JP Strickland

Nursery Director

Sara Gonzales

Wesley Nurse

Lindsey Floyd, RN

Administrative Assistant

Rachel Fuller

Custodian

Victor Cruz

Little Church School

Director

Brittany Powell

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our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/fumcedna>



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