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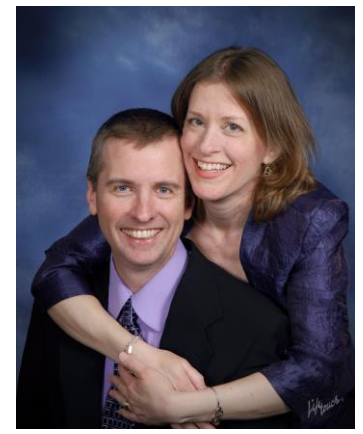
Sunday, July 2, 2017 we want to welcome Pastor Jonathan & Lea with an old fashioned "Pounding" during the Sunday School hour in the CFC gym. Please bring a pound of this and that to help them stack their pantry. Examples: spices, paper goods, cleaning supplies or if you would like to give them a gift card to an area restaurant, their favorite foods are Seafood, Mexican food and Asian food. Let's show pastor what a wonderful congregation we have. Join us in the CFC gym to welcome them!



We are going to try it one more time. Hopefully the weather will be nice this week. Wear Your SwimSuits this Wednesday. We will have a little water fun! We will be meeting Every Wednesday this Summer 4-5:30. Be sure to sign up for the Remind Account so you will know whats happening. Please text @jesusm to 81010, to receive reminders & updates.

His next stop was serving as the Executive Pastor for Houston FUMC, Downtown. While there he began his doctoral work at Asbury Theological Seminary and would complete it when pastoring in Longview at Greggton UMC. There the family grew when they brought home their dog, Aggie (that was already her name), from the animal shelter. Soon the family grew as they added a daughter-in-law, Alisha, and a son-in-law, Jarrod. For the past six years Jonathan has led Bear Creek UMC through a time of transition.

Now it is time for MarLea (she's been renamed by her granddaughter) and Jonathan (aka, Padre—grandchildren have amazing power) to make their own transition, moving to Nederland while they are becoming empty-nesters as Samuel joins Luke at Texas A&M. Thankfully, Joshua and his family—including grandchildren, Valerie and Jeremiah—just moved from Kentucky to Bryan. Jonathan and Lea are looking forward to becoming a part of the church and the community in Nederland. You are already in their daily prayers as they lean into what God has in store.



Meet our Pastor... Jonathan was born in the church: his father and his grandfather were Methodist preachers. That meant he grew up all over the Texas Annual Conference, from as far north as DeKalb and south to Sweeny. He met his wife Lea in high school in Tyler when they shared an Algebra class and worked together at Chick-fil-A. Jonathan went on to Lon Morris College and then Texas A&M to earn an Industrial Engineering degree in 1987. The week after he graduated, Lea and Jonathan were married and moved to Texarkana where he began to work for the Air Force by attending the Red River School of Engineering and Logistics. In his spare time he earned a Master's degree in business. From there they moved to Los Angeles for Jonathan to work at the USAF Space Systems Division as the Manufacturing Manager for Medium Launch Vehicles (Delta II and Atlas II). At the time the rockets were being used to put the GPS array into space. Meanwhile, Lea finished her degree at UC Irvine.

It was in California that Jonathan received his calling to be a pastor and he returned to Texas with Lea and their newborn son, Joshua. While in seminary at TCU's Brite Divinity School, he led the Good Springs-Bethel circuit outside of Henderson and their family grew with the addition of Susanna. Following graduation, Jonathan became the Wesley Foundation Director at Kilgore College and Associate Pastor at Kilgore St. Luke's...and their family grew as Luke was born. Next, Jonathan was appointed the pastor back in DeKalb where he had started school as a child...and their family grew with Samuel.

## UPHOLDING OUR CHURCH OUR GIFTS

Budgeted Giving	\$9,321.00
Last Week's Giving	\$8,119.00
Needed Weekly	\$11,330.00

## OUR PRESENCE

<b>Worship</b>	
8:30am	50
10:45am	160
<b>Last Weeks Attendance</b>	
<b>Worship</b>	
8:30am	53
10:45am	124

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Tom Pate (Helen Reynolds' brother) , Harland Patteson, Ray Guidry (brother of John Guidry) , Edith Pate(Helen Reynolds Mother), Wilma & HJ Ducote, Larry Krueger (Bob Krueger's brother), Mary Beth Harris, Kendall Barr, Fred Robbins (brother of Joe Robbins), Laura Furrow, Kenneth Young, Connie Eldred, Ruth Tannehill, Don & Shirley Mace, Jean Gillespie, Renee Whelply, Maurice & Katy Talbert, Paula Adams, Carol Perkins (Sonya Willis' sister), JoAnn Hearne, Bobby Beard (Sue Neals brother), Andy Harrison (Roya Scott's aunt), Cindy Winfrey (Jim Quebedeaux's sister), Bobby Dugas, Gwen Maldonado, Clara Pittman (Carrel Hanley's neice), Jim Miller, Amanda Brugman Fontenot, Verlene Roberts (Sister of Vaudine Taylor), Vaudine Taylor, Phyllis Theriot (Paula Adaway's sister), Scott Merchant (Friend of Tommye Lecoq), Peggy Gray, Donny Aycocock (son of Don Aycocock), Jackie Smith (Christi Murphy's father), Pat Laird, Don Aycocock, William Scott, Bob Henderson (Margie Hart's father), Wes Herring (Peggy Thomas' son in law), Manny Vara (friend of Jamie Miller), Lamb family, Julia Nita Franke, Rev. Eldon & Christine Reed, Bobbie Medina (friend of Sonya Willis), Edna Harrington, Jim Budwah & Carla Sue Huey (cousins of T.J.Robbins), Jennifer Doombos, Linda Hammond, Lou Ann Simmons, Conor Wheatcroft (grandson of Tina & George Wheatcroft), Joe Colburn, Saylor Lambert, Mike Guidry , James McClammy, Margeret Baker, Harold Westbrook, Wayne Quinn, Glenda Meaux, Ray Hill ,Carolyn Franks, Doretha Toler and Krystal Boyd Covington.  
Mary Gunter and family on the loss of her husband Stephen who passed away Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

*If you are interested in being on or have someone you would like to be put on First United Methodist Church prayer list, please call the church office at 722-4379*

If there is anyone in our church family who would like to be a Lay Reader please call the church office. 722-4379. Rebecca Gutierrez will be lay reader at 8:30 Worship and Catherine Hillsten for the 10:45 worship service this Sunday.



The church office will be closed  
Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> for  
Independence Day!

## SUMMER GUEST MUSICIAN SERIES



*Kurt Killion  
Laura Strawther  
Sarah Mathews  
Matthew Wallace*

*Tina Bernard  
Beau Mathews  
Center Stage Quartet  
John Chappell*

**Sundays during 10:45 Worship  
Til August 27th**



Make sure everyone is signed up for the Remind Account. As we make this transition with Ms. Brandy leaving we want to stay in contact and **we will be** doing some things so don't be worried! Ms. Brandy taught you all many things but I think one of the the most important things she taught you was that we are family and we will take care of each other! Hope to see you in Sunday School Sunday so we can start making some plans.

**Get up, get out and get active,  
ENCOUNTER all that God has in  
store for you!!!**

Remind Account  
Text To: 81010  
Message: @firstumcyo

## UMW UPDATE

This is the week for our Annual Salad Luncheon. We have several regulars who are out with sickness and the like, so bring a salad and let the fun begin! If you are not a member we invite you to be a part of the festivities.

Congregation, we need your help to gather toilet paper rolls for our Christmas Candy Roll project. Please save them for us and drop them off at the church. Your help is needed!!!

Sue



We are still in need of Sunday school teachers for the summer. Please be in prayer about this and sign up for a week or two. We need teachers for Preschool for July 2,9,16,23, 30 Aug. 6,13,20,27 and for Kindergarten thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade July 2,16,23,30, Aug. 20 & 27. Please call the church office today.