



Worship Service: 9:00 am in Fountain of Life Center
Sunday School: 10:15 am

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NOVEMBER 2023
THE FOUNTAIN
NEWSLETTER

Birthdays

Denise Parsons - November 4
 Josh Schueling - November 4
 Taylor Freehauf - November 5
 Becky Decker - November 6
 Dallas Keilman - November 6
 Michael O'Day - November 6
 Caroline Cosgrove - November 7
 Peg Tindall - November 7
 Dylan Evans - November 7
 Melany Ohlhausen - November 8
 Walter Rothe - November 9
 Brandy Bendele - November 10
 Ashlynn Christopherson - November 11
 Steve Peyton - November 11
 Debbie Muennink - November 12
 John Bendele - November 12
 Rudy Krisch - November 13
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 Ashlee Nicole Riff - November 14
 Katie Enderlin - November 14
 Maggie Riff - November 14
 Bonnie Werner - November 15
 Ava Lowe - November 17
 Michael Joyner - November 18
 Maria Hernandez - November 19
 Alanna Skipper - November 20
 Brett Beard - November 20
 Tony Zerr - November 21
 Cathy McGuire - November 23
 Charlie Dickens - November 24
 "AJ" Christopherson - Nov. 24
 "Lena" Christopherson - Nov. 24
 Robyn Muennink - November 24
 Jonathan Rothe - November 24
 Walker McKay - November 26
 Halli Ruiz Fanning - November 27
 Henley Haby - November 28
 Trent Keilman - November 28
 Kacy Lyn Kindred - November 28
 Wayne Skipper - November 28
 Swynn Muennink - November 30

Dee & Haley Evans
 November 2nd

Eddie & Marie Boettcher
 November 14th

Cody & Lindsey Muennink
 October 3rd

Dallas & Michelle Keilman
 November 16th

James Michael & Patti Barnes
 November 11th

Warren & Gaby Haby
 November 21st

Cody & Frenchellen Spring
 November 11th

Ronnie & Melody Muennink
 November 23rd

Anniversaries

Jeanne Schweers

Dana Krisch

K. Timothy Gunn

Matt & Shannon Windrow

Rob LaPorte

Peg Tindall

Jody & Stacey Jacobs

Tommy & Marcy Rothe

Mike & Cathy McGuire

Pam Muennink & Maggie Riff,

Kristin & Swynn Muennink

Ellen Stevens

Ronnie & Melody Muennink

Maida Modgling

Pam Muennink & Maggie Riff,

Kristin & Swynn Muennink

Chance Tripp

Pam Muennink & Maggie Riff,

Kristin & Swynn Muennink

Ruth Postel

Norma Jennings

Patricia Hunter

Gayle Longwell

Christine Conklin

Morris Stevens

Frances Thonsgaard

Arlene Richardson

Ronnie & Melody Mueunnink

John Ohlhausen

Melany & Rylee Ohlhausen

Mildred & Bob Moody

Melany & Rylee Ohlhausen

Tina Kidder

Ellen Stevens

Kathryn Rowell

Ronnie & Melody Muennink

Memorials

Prayers

- ♥ Vicky Phillips
- ♥ Judy Weiblen
- ♥ Kyle Berg
- ♥ Jason Boyce
- ♥ Mike McGuire
- ♥ Helen Muennink
- ♥ Laura Schrutka
- ♥ Joe M. Saenz, Jr.
- ♥ Stella Shultz
- ♥ Joe Nixon
- ♥ Jane Schauer
- ♥ Sheryl Guth
- ♥ Kenneth Roberts
- ♥ Michael Love
- ♥ Denise Parsons
- ♥ Ora Lee Muennink
- ♥ Naomi Fredriksson
- ♥ Floyd Saathoff
- ♥ Peace in our nation
- ♥ People of Ukraine
- ♥ Reconciliation in families

GOD
 BLESS
 YOU

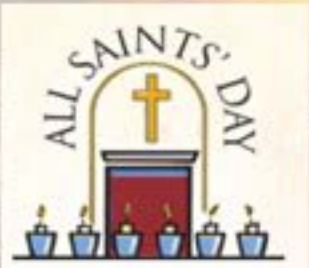
SENDING YOU
 HEALING
 PRAYERS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Freedom in Christ Study - WOW Youth Day – City of Hondo Baseball Fields, Ave. U	30	31 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	1 5:30pm 'GATHER' At Maize 	2 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	3	4 FOLC Reserved
5 9:00am Worship Service, All Saints Day 10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Freedom in Christ Study - FOLC 	6  6:00pm Worship Meeting - WOW	7 11:30am Seasoned Saints Luncheon 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	8 5:30pm 'GATHER' 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room) 	9 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	10	11
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19 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Freedom in Christ Study - WOW 6:00 pm – Joint Thanksgiving Service - FOLC 	20	21 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	22 NO Gather due to Thanksgiving Break 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	23 Office Closed 	24	25
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Joint Thanksgiving Service
 New Fountain Methodist Church
 Sunday, November 19, 2023
 Meal at 6 PM

This year, it's **New Fountain's** turn to host the gathering and provide the **side dishes and drinks**. Quihi Bethlehem Lutheran Church will bring the "meat and message" We will meet in Fountain of Life Center, followed by Worship in the Sanctuary. Please come enjoy this long tradition of our two church congregations sharing a meal and worshipping together.


Daylight Savings ends Sunday, November 5, 2023


ALL SAINTS' DAY
 Please join us for a special worship on Sunday, 11/5, as we remember our church members who have passed.

November Calendar

November Communion Offering Bulgarian Provisional Annual Conference

The Bulgarian Provisional Annual Conference lost 70% of their funding when they disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church. Through member offerings, as well as the sale and rental of some properties, they have been able to continue to function and pay their pastors' salaries. They currently have 24 churches and 19 pastors, with numerous small groups and preaching points. Their reserves could only hold through August of 2023 and needed an immediate international partnership with an annual conference in the United States.

The Methodist Church in Bulgaria has more than 160 years of history behind it. As a minority denomination, it often struggled to survive – especially in the 40 years after the Second World War when almost all church activities were forbidden. By 1989, only three of the original 16 local churches had survived. But as a result of a huge commitment, the church was structurally re-organized and filled with life and new congregations were launched. In the last 30 years, the Bulgarian Annual Conference has made great strides in evangelistically starting new churches.

The Bulgarian Provisional Annual Conference has a detailed plan to become self-sustaining within five years. Through the retirement of elders and combining circuits rather than replacing elders, they are seeking to decrease their salary needs. Additionally, they are undergoing a stewardship 3 emphasis within their congregations. They are teaching stewardship as discipleship and have seen their local congregations' contributions increase.

By provide financial assistance, we can help spread the Word about Jesus on the other side of the world.

SEPTEMBER FINANCIALS

Year-To-Date Financial Report			
Ending September 30, 2023			
2023 Approved Operating Budget		\$379,000	
Weekly Giving Goal		\$7,300	
General Operating		Building Fund	
Income	282,641.60	Income	5,407.48
Expenditures	(254,667.66)	Expenditures	2,016.60
	27,973.94	Balance	7,374.08



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Giving & Finances

Thanks for the Saints!

November is the month of All Saints Day and Thanksgiving. Even though they are separate Holidays, I think we can hold them close in our hearts together.

All Saints Day is the day the whole church remembers those Christian believers, members of New Fountain, who have died since the last observance of All Saints. In the New Testament, we find the word "Saint" as meaning "believer". So we honor those believers during the first Sunday worship services. We give thanks to God for those saints.

Thanksgiving is a day the United States sets aside as a day to give thanks. I hope your thoughts and memories are pleasant of that special day. I still have sweet memories of Thanksgiving and I am really looking forward to this year's celebration. I am so thankful for many things, nothing can sway me from thanking God!

Now, I give thanks to God for being your pastor,

Steve



THANK YOU!

October was Pastor Appreciation!
Thank you for all the wonderful cards
and gifts.
Sherry and I do feel very appreciated!
God Bless you all.

Steve

A Note from Pastor Steve

165th Celebration
Sunday, October 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Karen Muennink, Church Historian

Over two hundred members and guests attended the 165th Celebration of New Fountain Methodist Church. Our hope is that we paid tribute to our forefathers and their families in a special way. We also hope that we were able to embrace our current members and guests on this special day. Appropriately, the celebration began with our morning worship service led by Pastor Steve Peyton. The music team, Connected, led us in songs of praise. Highlighting the service was the return of former pastor, Reverend Jason Fry, who shared memories and the message. Following worship, the Fountain of Life Center (FOLC) was transformed and decorated for the noon meal. Morning activities for attendees included fellowship; watching 160 th Celebration Interviews; viewing the historical memorabilia display; creating a family headstone rubbing at the cemetery; and climbing up the ladder to peer into the bell tower and ringing the bell. Prior to lunch, Joyful Noise led a sing along in the Sanctuary, which reminded many of fifth Sunday Singspiration gatherings. The welcome and blessing were delivered by Ronnie Muennink, Governing Council Chair. The Holy Smokers barbecued sausage and prepared the beans, while Family Ministry members plated and served delicious homemade potato salad to complete the noon meal. Desserts included a custom designed tiered cake and homemade cookies.

Karen Muennink, church historian and Tim Hardt, member, enlightened everyone with historical information concerning our church's early beginnings and its members. The very large Hardt and Wiemers families helped lay the foundation of this church. Karen shared stories and descriptions of the nearby locations on the historical driving tour. Mark Wiemers created a map to assist with the tour.

Special recognition of all those baptized, confirmed, and married at New Fountain was next on the program. Additionally, the couple married for the most years (71) was Dorothy Schweers Schulte and husband Jim. The oldest female member present was Imogene Meyers, 92 years young and oldest male member, Wilbur Bohmfalk, 90 years young! The final recognition was of all new members that had joined in the last five years!

Souvenir pens and bracelets were given to attendees. Commemorative Christmas ornaments were sold (\$20) and orders for Precious Memories History Book (\$45) and five year Addendum (\$10) were collected.

Special thanks to Crystal Riff, our church secretary, who planned, designed and ordered items, created bulletins and handouts, and up dated the history book.

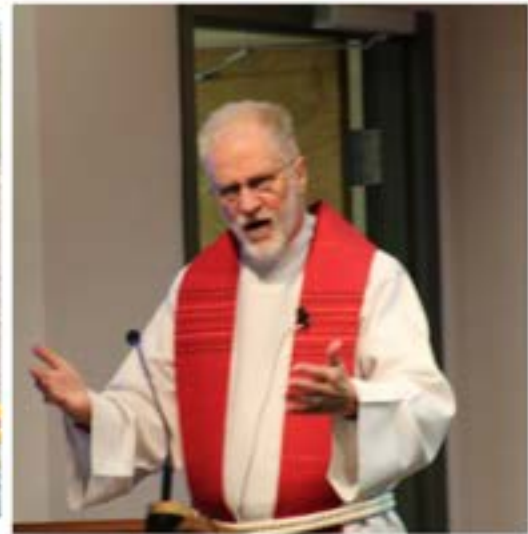
Each of you is challenged to take pictures and record events now in order that we can continue this wonderful tradition!

We are so blessed to have dedicated and hardworking members who made our 165 th Celebration a special occasion for so many. Thank you to the 165 th Celebration Committee.

Committee members: Rev. Steve Peyton, Laura Ward, Crystal Riff, Kristin Muennink, Ronnie Muennink, Brett Beard, Eliud and Mindy Plata, Mark and Annie Wiemers, Karen Muennink, Church Historian.

Sub-Committee members: Jill Haertner, Diane Cosgrove Wayne Skipper, Tim Hardt, Lyle Riff, Peg Tindall Bob McCoy, Chris Stiegler, John Bendele, Youth, Cookie & Potato Donors, Hospitality Team, Holy Smokers and Joyful Noise.

*Additional details will be included in the history book and Hondo Anvil Herald.



Monetary Pledges Given for 165th Celebration

In Loving Memory

Nelma Bohmfalk
Nettie Bohmfalk
Frederick (Fritz) Bohmfalk
Dorothy (Bohmfalk) Duncan
Clyde E. Bohmfalk
Rolf & Marie Bohmfalk
Anton & Zeda Brucks
Jay E & Marie Muennink
Sandy Harrell
K. Timothy Gunn
Marvin & Luella Schweers
Gil & Linda Peyton
Marion & Irene Muennink
Bob & Kathryn Rowell
Dorothy Beard

In Honor Of

165th Celebration Committee
Karen Muennink

Given By

Laura Ward & Wilbur Bohmfalk
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Alan & Karen Muennink
Lance & Gina Muennink
Lance & Gina Muennink
Roxene Schweers Brewer
Steve & Sherry Peyton
Rita Mechler
Rita Mechler
Rita Mechler

Given By

Alan & Karen Muennink
Anonymous



October 22, 2023

Congratulations on the 165th Anniversary of New Fountain Methodist Church! From humble beginnings of faithful pioneers to today's faithful followers, your church continues to thrive and bless so many. We are so thankful for the close relationship we have with you!

**Sincerely,
Quihi Bethlehem
Lutheran Church**

**Thank
You!**

*An member of Ruth Postell family,
I'd like to thank the church
community for the lovely
memorial service for Ruth.
We especially appreciate being
able to set up the memorial
table and the assistance the
ladies of the crest area provided.
Thank you again,*

*Your kindness and sympathy
are more deeply appreciated
than any words of thanks
can ever express*

*Christine Hanklin,
Executive for the Estate
of Ruth Postell*



The month of October has been very busy for our New Fountain Youth and Children. I have had the opportunity to watch a few of our church members playing in some of their favorite sports this fall, and enjoyed seeing many of them in the Hondo Homecoming Parade. Please continue to pray that God's light shines through each of these kiddos in all the many activities they participate in.

Several Youth continue to participate in Wednesday Night Gather. Thank you to all of the volunteers who help make these nights happen! They help these nights become learning environments and also easier to have a lot of activities as well. We could not do it without you all!

Our end of month GATHER at the Maize has been postponed to November 1st due to rain. We look forward to fellowship and fun as we Gather ALL New Fountain attendees at the Maize. We are so grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Graff for hosting this fun event. Bring your favorite potluck dish as we make another attempt to have an evening of fun.

Youth Sunday was all about Asking, Seeking and Knocking. The Yutes, the youth "band", as well as other areas of the service, were composed of some of our younger youth this time. It was wonderful to see new and different faces serving the congregation and participating in service in different ways.

Youth Sunday = Taco Sunday!! Yum! We are very grateful and thankful for the youth and their families who donated time and effort and talents to bring some great choices to be served after service.

The fun didn't end after service though... The 6th-12th graders met up at the city baseball fields to have a friendly game of Kickball to round out their afternoon. St. Paul Lutheran Church youth also joined in on the fun and we had a great time fellowshiping and spending time together as a group.

November brings more nights at Gather and many more opportunities for our Youth to learn about what being a disciple of Jesus and making disciples of Jesus looks like. There will also be a night of fun with the first Turkey Olympics! The youth will compete in turkey related events to win amazing and maybe not so amazing prizes! The best part is just spending time together in fellowship and fun!

We thank our New Fountain Church family for continuing to pray and nurture these young minds. They are the future of New Fountain.

A Note from Kristin



NEXT LUNCHEON

Tuesday, Nov. 7th
at 11:30 a.m.
FOLC

