

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

KATHY TRAMMEL-recovery from knee surgery  
RICK PENDLETON  
SHARON PENDLETON

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

RAY BLACK-esophageal cancer, friend of Rick Pendleton  
SHIRLEY MANLEY-former member has been diagnosed with cancer and heart problems.  
AARON BURCHETT-brother of Robert  
CALLIE ELAINE SPENCER-hand surgery  
ALL AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY & IRMA  
ALL AFFECTED BY FIRES IN Montana, Oregon and Washington  
FRANKIE SQUYRES-diagnosed with cancer, friend of Sandy Broyles  
LINDA HILL-recovery from knee surgery 9-1-2017  
BOB PATTERSON-Lisa Langford's father  
PAULA WHITE-hospital in Ft. Worth  
BUDDY BLACKBURN- brother of Sandy Rogers recuperating from surgery  
SHANE SHOCKLEY-health issues  
CRYSTAL GARCIA-diagnosed with cancer. Friend of Lynn Richardson.  
DOLORES EVERS-dialysis, sister-in-law of Charles and Elaine Evers  
JAMES ASHER-home recuperating from surgery  
JENNIFER BROWN-step-daughter of Kathryn Hart's sister, Sheryl  
JOSH ALLEN-son of Sherry Copeland Duggan.  
NANCY KARL-health issues  
DONNA GANDY ROGERS-cancer markers are clear. 3 more chemo treatments  
BILLY PATTESON-lung cancer, husband of Kathy Duncan Patteson, brother-in-law of Charlette Duncan.  
SHEILA BREWSTER-sister-in-law of Sheila and Roger Tonne  
MAVIS MITCHELL-dialysis, Sue Lodor's sister-in-law  
JACK ROGERS-great-great-nephew of Sue Lodor  
COBY MEINZER-cousin of Juana Ash, diagnosed with ALS  
BONNYE ISENHOWER-friend of Sharon Toland

If you've ever wanted to be a part of our church's ministry through Café Love, but didn't know how... well, here's an opportunity to share God's love. We are in need of desserts for Café Love a couple of times a month. If interested, please contact Jacky Walker at [walkerjack@att.net](mailto:walkerjack@att.net) or 254-246-0357. Thanks.  
Jacky Walker

**5TH QUARTER IN THE CLC**

Friday, October 20th

We will need at least 6 adults to make this event go well. Let us know if you can fill this need.

**FALL FESTIVAL**  
**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25TH**  
**6:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.**  
**LOOK FOR THE SIGN-UP SHEET**  
**AND PLAN TO HELP.**  
**THANKS.**

**TOTAL FOR UMCOR OFFERINGS FOR HURRICANES**

\$1,693.00



**HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY**

- LANDI HARGROVE-01
- DORENE PARRACK-02
- SHELBY ROGERS-02
- SHELBY LIPPS-05
- TAMARA RUSSELL-07
- CLIFF HMILTON-08
- JACK BROWN-09
- GEORGE PERRY-09
- GARY SUBLETT-14
- SUE LODOR-17
- RONNIE PENDLETON-17
- SARA BROWNING-18
- STEPHANIE RENFRO-19
- KATIE SIKES-20
- BETTY BROWN-21
- JESS LITTLEFIELD-21
- LUKE McCLYMOND-21
- DANNY GIPSON-22
- BETH MORRIS-23
- GARY BROWN-24
- KALEB BROWER-27
- DANA KAY MCKENZIE-28
- LAUREN VICKERS-29
- ZACH WILLIS-31

**OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN**

BRECK BATES-San Diego, son of Cheri Bates, grandson of Sandy Broyles.  
AUSTIN BURKHALTER-grandson of Larry and Jinger Mahan  
MICAH CLAY- son of J.R. and Julia Clay.  
NICK CORDOVA- S. Korea, son of Ray and Merry Pendleton.  
GUY CRAIG- son of Connie and Bob Meason, grandson of Ruth and Bob Green and nephew of Guyla and Wayne White.  
JASON GRAHAM-Fort Hood, cousin of Melissa Trammel.  
ARIC HOLLEY- Afganistan, son of Sherry Strickland  
ZACHARY KARL-Fort Hood, son of Perry and Debbie Karl and grandson of Elaine and Bobby Goswick.  
ADAM HAYWORTH-Hawaii, son of Patti Hayworth Reid. Grandson of Jean Hayworth.  
MAJOR JEFF MATSLER

**SPRINKLE SHOWER**

for  
Jaclyn Morehart,  
October 8, 2017  
1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
In the Atrium

Dear First Methodist Church Family,

A very special thank you for all the things done for our family during this most difficult time.

Thank you for the meals, cards, prayers and hugs! We have certainly been blessed by all the kindness.

The family of Cotton Kinnard

Dear FUMC,

Thank you so much for the prayers concerning James' surgery. Each and everyone was much appreciated.

It is very humbling to know that so many are lifting your name up to the Lord.

Thanks again.

James and Jane

**SMH HEALTH FAIR**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH IN THE CLC**

**7:00 A.M.-NOON**

**DISTRICT WIDE CHARGE CONFERENCE**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH,  
IN STEPHENVILLE.

LET'S FILL UP THE CHURCH VAN!

**SUNDAY ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS**

**FOR SEPTEMBER, 2017**

ATTENDANCE	OFFERING
SEPT. 03rd-59	\$3,494.00
SEPT. 10th-89	\$2,198.00
SEPT. 17th-79	\$2,619.00
SEPT. 24th-98	\$2,622.00

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**FROM THE PASTOR**  
**SEPTEMBER, 2017**

“You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you.” Isaiah 26:3

Rebecca Ondov, a writer for the “Guideposts” magazine, shared a devotional that can help Christians forgive each other and keep the peace in their hearts. In her devotional, she told about the time she stood on her lawn and lobbed a bright green tennis ball for her Golden Retriever, Sunrise, to fetch. “While Sunrise raced away to catch the ball, Rebecca’s thoughts drifted to a situation where she felt she had been wronged. She said to herself, ‘God, they never should have done that!’ Over the past couple of days, she had played the memory of that wrong over and over in her head until it became a menacing movie. Worse still, she had lost her peace.

“Sunrise ran up to her with the ball in her mouth, and shifted her weight side to side with her eyes fixed on the ball. Rebecca let some of her anger out as she threw the ball a little harder than she should. Sunrise took off in hot pursuit. Too late to do anything about it, Rebecca grimaced as she watched the ball bounce into her garden and land among her tomato plants. Undeterred, Sunrise dove into the garden, but when Sunrise turned around to come back, Rebecca saw that, instead of the ball, she had a green tomato in her mouth. Suddenly, Sunrise stopped in midstride, puckered her brows, and spit the tomato out. Then the dog stalked around the tomato, cocking her head and making faces at it.

“Rebecca chuckled to herself as she realized what had happened. To Sunrise she said, ‘Tomatoes might look like a ball, but dogs aren’t supposed to bite into them.’ When those words came out of her mouth, Rebecca caught herself thinking, ‘and bad memories are like green tomatoes. Don’t bite them!’

“It occurred to her that by choosing to continually replay the menacing movie of being wronged, she was wasting her brain space and only creating animosity and torment for herself. So Rebecca picked up the green tomato and threw it in the trash can, along with the bad memory of being wronged.”

We don’t have to be ruled by emotions. God has given us emotions, yes, but also the gift of free will and the fruit of the Spirit called self-control. We have the ability to make hard choices and choose the path we want to take instead of being ruled by our emotions. Self-control, forgiveness, and peace making isn’t always the easiest path to take, but it is the path Jesus encourages us to walk. Peace and Grace,





