



FUMC Newsletter

November 2015

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Thanksgiving

*For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends.*

--Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)



Christmas Decorations

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on **November 23 & 24 @ 9 a.m.**

This is a major undertaking and we need your help in getting the trees out and set up and the sanctuary decked out for the Christmas Holidays.

Sunday, November 29 ~ *First Sunday of Advent*

Although this is a 5th Sunday, we **WILL** be having two worship services. We will **NOT** have a luncheon.

Christmas Food Boxes

Plans are underway for the Christmas Food Box project sponsored by the Missions Committee. Last year we provided 200 boxes of food for needy families and this year we are again planning to provide 200 boxes. GCAM assists us by signing up the families and giving them a voucher to receive their box. We purchase food from the Victoria Food Bank, HEB and Wal-Mart to complete the boxes and provide the families with food for a holiday celebration meal. All recipients are very appreciative. This is a significant mission outreach project from our church to the community and we need your help: **PRAY** – Pray that this project will be successful and a blessing to those in need. **DONATE** – Make monetary donations to the church marked “Christmas Food Boxes”. **COLLECT** - Start collecting non-perishable food items to contribute to the boxes.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH, 9:30 am, Box preparation, Fellowship Hall
MONDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 11:00am – 1:00 pm, Box Distribution

If you have any questions or comments, please give me a call. Thank you for your help with our project.

Rosemary Hindman, Project Chairperson

Stockton Building Update...The Stockton Youth Building Committee had it's first meeting on May 31 after FUMC was gifted a building from the Frank and Helen Stockton estate earlier that month. There are seventeen members on the committee and each are collaborating with Tim Gescheidle of TSG Architects to create a haven for our church youth as well as our community. Mr. and Mrs. Stockton had such a love for the youth of this church and the committee has met several times wanting to see this vision come to fruition. The design plans should be shared in November with the entire congregation as we move forward with this addition of our church.



*Altar Flowers for November
are given by:*

November 1

Tom & Tammy Lester,
Trey, Tori, and Tara
In Memory of Donald L. Holub

Dale and Sherri Schellenberg
In Honor of Our Parents,
Chelsea Schellenberg,
Valorie, John, Reagan, and Easton Daniel
In Memory of Loved Ones
No Longer With Us,
Betty Cuvelier, Great Mom
MeeMaw, and Mimi

November 8

Elenore Ehrig
In Memory of Hugo Ehrig

“Twan” Brady
In Memory of Bob Brady

November 15

Mike and Sarah Miller,
J. T., Wade, and Will
In Memory of John W. Miller

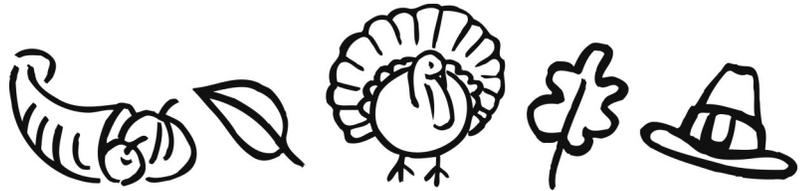
Kenneth, Doreen, and Travis Fink
In Memory of William John Schulze

November 22

Bouldin Family
In Memory of Jimmie Bouldin

November 29

Forrest and Sue Penney
To God Be the Glory



SO MANY BLESSINGS

Book Club News

At our October meeting, Madelaine Bird reviewed and led the discussion of our selection for October, the best-seller The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah. Any reader of the book could see why this book has been on the best-seller list for many months. A novel detailing the French resistance is set in Paris and the Loire Valley and has many multidimensional characters and an exciting story. It is a story of survival, bravery, rash acts, and deep love. Some situations were a bit contrived but still exciting and, for the most part, believable.

These are the books we selected to read and discuss for the next six months.

- November – Go Set a Watchman by Harper Lee – Martha Jo
- December - The Christmas Portrait by Phyllis Clark Nichols – Norma
- January – Bathsheba: The Reluctant Beauty by Angela Hunt – Twan
- February – All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
- March – Liberty's Torch: The Great Adventure to Build the Statue of Liberty by Elizabeth Mitchell
- April – Empire of the Summer Moon by S. C. Gwynne (about Quannah Parker)

If any of these titles intrigue you, plan to join our group. In November, we will meet the third Thursday (November 19) at 9:30 instead of the fourth due to Thanksgiving.

Martha Jo Whitt

Staff

Rev. Andy Smith, Senior Pastor
Ruth Smith, Youth Pastor
David Smith, Director of Discipleship
Willa Keck, Children's Ministry Director
Felicia Cantu, Office Manager
Rosemary Hindman, Business Manager
Shirley Goss, Wesley Nurse
Craig Aamot, Music Minister
Christina Menking, Organist
Bill Meadows, Pianist
Sandra Jandt, Happy House Director
Rosannah Green, Attendance
Lupe Longoria, Custodian



Dear FUMC Family,
 Hopefully by the time this newsletter arrives, Forrest will have had his heart valve replaced, and be at home recovering. These last few months have shown us just how much your caring words, prayers, cards, and genuine concern mean to us. We are so very thankful to each of you. I know it seemed like we would never get here, but the team of doctors were very thorough in their preparation. We are grateful to them for their skill and care. We are thankful that God has been with us every step of the way.

Love in Christ,
 Forrest and Sue Penney

Dear Earth Angels Quilters,

Thank you so much for the beautiful quilt that you made for me. I appreciate it so much. I feel so blessed to be wrapped in God's love with this quilt and your prayers.

Love in Christ,
 Forrest Penney

Dear FUMC,

Gonzales County 4-H Council would like to thank the members of the church for their generous donations at October 11's altar rail. It is an amazing blessing to be able to help so many people in our community. We will continue to collect corn and green beans through November 16. Thank you for your support.

With thanks,
 Haley Clampit, President
 Gonzales County 4-H Council



Earth Angels

Earth Angels members are always busy. Several Earth Angels members are participating in a Christmas Challenge project that involves creating blocks to be displayed during Winterfest this year. Other members continue to work on donation quilts and various personal, quilted items. We also have a Come & Quilt It Sew Day on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month at Craft Crossing. Anyone may come to work on projects of any kind or simply to engage in fellowship any time during the business day. Whether here or at home, Earth Angels stay involved in a variety of activities.

Women who are interested in quilting make up our group called Earth Angels. Meetings are usually held at 6:00 PM on the second Tuesday of each month, in the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Center. A typical meeting involves an inspirational reading followed by the mentioning of persons who may be in need of prayers or in need of being "wrapped in God's love" by the presentation of a quilt. Members share ideas, show quilts they have made, and engage in quilting projects. Fellowship and sharing play a major role in Earth Angels. Feel free to visit our next meeting on November 11, 2015; we'd love to have you.

STATISTICAL REPORT SEPTEMBER, 2015

DATE	8:30	10:45	TOTAL	SS	OFFERINGS
6	114	155	269	80	\$ 14,269.75
13	114	129	243	94	\$ 13,424.32
20	103	129	232	80	\$ 7,286.65
27	110	151	261	78	\$ 8,776.25
TOTALS:	441	564	1005	332	\$ 43,756.97
AVERAGES:	110	141	251	83	

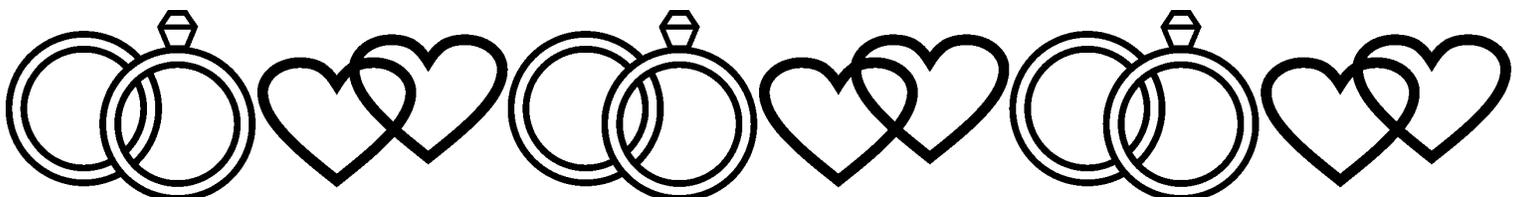
TOTAL EXPENSES FOR THE MONTH: \$ 45,198.27
NET GAIN OR LOSS FOR THE MONTH: \$ 1,441.30
APPORTIONMENTS PAID TO DATE: 75%

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

11/1	Nila Ehrig	11/12	Stephanie Fritz	11/25	Bonnie Hyman
11/2	Sandra Atkinson		Michaela Malatek		Krystal Dreyer
	Stephen Lucas	11/13	Clayton Wilkerson		Ann Reeves
	Kim Davis	11/14	Amy Thibodeaux	11/26	Houston Munson
11/3	Hope Mills		Trenton Wilkerson	11/27	Bailey Bivins
	Daniel Seale	11/15	Taylor Malatek		Kayte Swiful
	Krissy Jo Hodges		Ellen Denman	11/28	Betty Schroeder
	Jordan Williams		Tori Lester		Dana Hamilton
11/4	Jenice Benedict		Mitchell Hardcastle	11/29	Ross Gottwald
	Jacob Bakken		Slone Gibson		Mallory Clack
11/5	Lea Ann Wyant	11/16	Juanita Blundell	11/30	Stephen Seale
	Michael Oakes		Sydney Clack		
11/6	J.T. Miller	11/17	Arva Nell Needham		
	Chelsea Schellenberg	11/18	Amy Lipke		
	James Massey		Molly Barnick		
11/7	Josephine Mercer	11/19	Clayton Gacke		
	Sandra Gorden	11/21	Dick Goss		
	Mike Yoakum		Kenneth Mosher		
11/8	Hensley Hurt		Darrell McLain		
	McKenzie Hodges	11/22	Justin Pope		
11/9	Norma Fink		Amanda Ramirez		
	Harold Wilson		Anna Seale		
11/10	Mary Martha Ehrig	11/23	Bradley Bakken		
11/11	Joan Griffin	11/24	Eric Connor		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

11/1	Dale & Sherri Schellenberg	11/22	Jason & Stacy Fogle
11/2	Houston & Maggie Keck	11/23	Harold & Charlotte Wilson
11/7	Louis & Laura Wolting	11/24	Pal & Bethel Lester Taylor & Blaine Davis
11/12	Bobby & Bethanie LaTourette	11/25	Joe Britt & Rosemary Hindman
11/21	Kevin & Stacey Dawson		



Please contact Felicia at the church office, 672-8521, if your information is missing or incorrect.

NOVEMBER WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

<p>November 1, 2015</p> 	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Mallory Clack Braden Clampit Chase Heldarsen Emmitt Currie (Lead) Billy Boothe Sue Boothe Jimmy Borrer Gary Clack Haley Clampit Willa Keck</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Landon Holub Ava Medellin Kiley Allen Pal Lester (Lead) Kelly Allen Ruth Smith David Smith David Bird Eldon Farek Willa Keck</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p>(cross)</p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
<p>November 8, 2015</p>	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Addyson Kardosz Brendon Mercer Jaylen Johnson Emmitt Currie (Lead) Erwin Ckudre Bill DeBerry Kenneth Fink Dena Fritz Marie Currie Lisa Gindler</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Faith Lester Joelee Lester Weldon Holub Pal Lester (Lead) Jeffery Braune Mike Davis Bitsy Henderson Eldon Farek Dick Goss Lisa Gindler</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p>(cross)</p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
<p>November 15, 2015</p>	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Cree Stowers Megan Tenberg Ashtyn Kardosz Emmitt Currie (Lead) Herman Grauke Joe Britt Hindman John Lucas Ronnie Menking Rosannah Green Commie Hisey</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Grace Morgan Paisley Ploeger Sadie Morgan Pal Lester (Lead) Greg Griffin Dick Goss Shirley Goss Cheryl Meadows Lisa Gindler Commie Hisey</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p>(cross)</p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
<p>November 22, 2015</p>	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Hadley Borrer Brody Borrer Josie Stowers Emmitt Currie (Lead) Greg Sengelmann Steve Taylor John Whitt Martha Jo Whitt Allison Davis Kristi Mercer</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Macy Sample Parker Storey Peyton Ruddock Pal Lester (Lead) Bobby Morgan Ray Neitsch Leslie Ploeger Kelly Allen Shirley Goss Kristi Mercer</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p>(cross)</p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>
<p>November 29, 2015</p>	<p>8:30 A.M. SERVICE</p> <p>Cole Boothe Morgan Boothe Daniel Sullivan Emmitt Currie (Lead) Billy Boothe Sue Boothe Jimmy Borrer Gary Clack Johnnie Fogle Pastor Andy</p>	<p>10:45 SERVICE</p> <p>Slone Gibson Nicholas Casares Seth Gibson Pal Lester (Lead) Mary Tomas Justin Pope David Bird Jeffery Braune Gene Kridler Pastor Andy</p>	<p><u>ACOLYTES</u></p> <p>(cross)</p> <p><u>USHERS</u></p> <p><u>LITURGIST</u> <u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u></p>

If you are unable to serve on the date scheduled, please contact the church office, 672-8521.

November 2015

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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Nov 1 - 7	Nov 1 COMMUNION SUNDAY 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 2:30pm Communion @ Romberg House 5:00pm Youth Bible Study-YR	2 8:30am Happy House 2:00pm Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	3 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 12:00pm Staff Lunch 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Cub Scouts-PSS 6:30pm Budget Committee Meeting-C 6:30pm The Gathering-	4 8:30am Happy House 9:00am HH Creative Movement-FC 10:00am Bible Study-CO 1:00pm Alzheimer Supp 2:00pm WN Exercise-F 3:30pm Pioneer Club 4:00pm Jr. High Youth 5:30pm Praise Band Pr 6:15pm Sr. High Youth 6:30pm Choir Practice-	5 6:00am Men's Fraternity-N 9:30am Communion @ Care Centers 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO 6:00pm Finance Comm. Mtg.-PSS	6 7 Lay Servant Retreat		
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		Nov 15 - 21	15 8:30am Worship-S 9:45am Sunday School 10:45am Worship-S 1:00pm Turkey Bowl 2:00pm Church Conference 4:00pm 4-H Meeting-FC	16 8:30am Happy House 2:00pm Staff Mtg-L 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 5:30pm Prayer Shawl-BP 6:00pm Dominoes-N 7:00pm Bible Study-CO	17 10:00am Shut-In-Visitation 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Cub Scouts-PSS 6:00pm Private Event-FC 6:30pm The Gathering-C	18 8:30am Happy House 9:00am HH Creative Movement-FC 10:00am Bible Study-CO 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 3:30pm Pioneer Club 5:30pm Praise Band Practice-S 6:30pm Choir Practice- 6:30pm Youth Thanksgi	19 6:00am Men's Fraternity-N 11:00am Flex & Tone-FC 2:00pm WN Exercise-FC 4:00pm Reunion Group-CO	20 21 8:00am WN Program-FC
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Children's Corner



- **Hosanna Choir Info** - Practice dates for Christmas Music to be announced soon!! Hosanna Choir will sing on December 20 with the Adult choir at both services for the Christmas Cantata.
- **Sunday, Nov 1 – All Saints Day, Communion Sunday** – Honor and remember your loved ones that have gone before us.
- **Sunday, Nov 1** – Help Pastor Andy serve **Communion at Romberg House @ 2:30pm**
- **Sunday, Nov 8** – Children help hand out poppies at the beginning of both services to honor our Veterans!
- **Sunday, Nov 8 - Rocky Creek Maze Corn Maze Trip at the Chaloupka Farm.** Fun Trip for the whole family! Meet at church @ 1:30 on St. Lawrence. Return to Gonzales between 5-6pm. Entry Fee paid by Children's Ministry. Bring money for additional games-corn cannon, frog hopper, duck races, and snacks. Or bring your own snacks. 1st grade & under requires parent to accompany. Van transportation is limited. **Please RSVP. Bring canned good** for LAMB (Food for Lavaca County) for **service project**. Sign up in Narthex, office or email wkeck@gvec.net. Visit Chaloupka farm at www.rockycreekmaze.com
- **Wednesday, Nov 11 - No Pioneer Club** - GISD School out. But I will have a **service project and activities at church - Meet at church at 10:00am in the Narthex**. Pick up at 1:00pm. Lunch served! RSVP to let me know you are coming!!
- **Wednesday, Nov 26** – No Pioneer Club, Happy Thanksgiving!
- **Monday and Tuesday, Nov 24 & 25** – Prepare the church for Christmas. Help Decorate the Sanctuary and Narthex! Call the church office, 672-8521, if you can help!
- **Sunday, Nov 29** – 1st Sunday in Advent.
- **Sunday, Nov 29** – **United Methodist Women's Annual Sock Tree Dedication**. Help decorate with new socks and undergarments, sweat pants for children in our local schools. Meet in the Narthex at 10:25am.
- **Wednesday, Dec 2, Christmas Pageant practice @ 5** in Sanctuary for 8th grade and younger. Possible Hosanna choir practice to follow pageant practice.
- **Thursday, Dec. 3** – Help decorate a Christmas tree at the Heights Nursing Home. Watch for details.
- **Sunday, Dec 6** – Christmas Pageant Practice in the Sanctuary @ 9:45am for all involved in pageant.
- **Sunday, Dec 6** – Christmas Pageant at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary. More details in upcoming weeks.
- **Wednesday, Dec 9** – **Children and Families Christmas Craft Fair** in the Fellowship Hall at 5:15pm, this is the last day of fall semester for Pioneer Club.
- **Tuesday, Dec 15 or Thursday, Dec 17** - Christmas Caroling to Nursing homes & Romberg house after school. Watch for more details.
- **Wednesday, Dec 16** - Hosanna Choir practice in Sanctuary at 5:00pm. Mandatory practice!
- **Sunday, Dec 20** – **Christmas Cantata** at both services. Hosanna Choir accompanies the adult choir.
- **Wednesday, Dec 23** – **Christmas Eve Services** at 4:30pm, 7:00pm, and 11:30pm

Thank you God for children,
Love, Willa

Please come with a sweet tooth on Sunday, November 15. Grace Morgan will be selling cakes, pies, cookies, breads, soups, and other goodies. All proceeds will purchase Christmas gifts for needy children in our community. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Discipleship Devotional/News



²⁸ One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?”²⁹ Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’³⁰ you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ -Matthew 12:28-30

What does it actually mean to love God? What does somebody look like who loves God with all of their heart, with all of their soul, with all of their strength, and with all of their strength? Some might say, “A person who loves God will attend church on a regular basis, will know a lot about the Bible, will be good at praying out loud, and will not do things like swear, smoke, or drink alcohol.” While those things may indeed describe someone who loves God, those things by themselves won’t determine if a person loves God. Jesus tells us John 14:21, that “those who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me.” We love God by actually doing what he commanded of us. We love God through obedience to Him. And that means we do *everything* that he has commanded us to. Instead of picking and choosing which commands that sound nice and are easy for us, we choose to follow *all* Jesus said. We choose to love those who hurt us (Matt. 5:44), we choose to forgive those who have wronged us (Matt. 6:14-15), we choose to seek His kingdom first (Matt. 6:33), we choose to not judge those who are different from us (Matt. 7:1), we choose to not look at a woman lustfully (Matt. 5:27-28), we choose to confront our brother or sister in grace and truth (Matt. 18:15-20). We choose to deny ourselves, pick up our cross, and follow Jesus (Matt. 16:24). When we love God, we acknowledge that our lives are no longer about us but they are only and have ever only been about Someone Greater. We rearrange and reorder our lives around the sole purpose of becoming more like Christ and we start living out a life that reflects Jesus. Two questions we have to ask ourselves is this: “Do I truly love God with everything that I am?” and “Do I love God by doing what he says, even doing that which is hard and requires sacrifice?”

Discipleship News

1. **The Gathering**- Starting Nov. 3rd, The Gathering—an evening worship service focused on entering into God’s presence through music and prayer—will be moving to Tuesday nights. **Every Tuesday, we will be meeting in the Chapel from 6:30-7:30pm for a time of worship and prayer.** If you’ve never checked it out, I strongly encourage you to try it out! It is a wonderful time to be still and re-focus our thoughts and energy on God.

United Methodist Women News

Don’t Forget the Sock Tree

In January, when we deliver the socks, underwear and warm-up pants to the nurse at East Avenue, she is always so excited. There are so many children that need these essential undergarments in order to stay in school.

So once again, we will have a dedication of the “Sock Tree” in the Narthex on November 29th at 10:30am between services.

Donations of socks, underwear, and warm-up pants for **children** at East Avenue will be accepted beginning on that day and continuing thru Sunday, Dec. 13th.



Cancellation Notice

The Annual Christmas Luncheon hosted by United Methodist Women has been **cancelled** for this year. Too many things are scheduled at the same time for those of us who are in charge. Thank you for understanding.

All things YOUTH

The month of October has flown by! I want to first thank EVERYONE for their support, help and time y'all gave in volunteering with Come and Take it. Although I am thankful to not see a Turkey Leg ever again I am more thankful for the people who came out to support. We truly could not of done it without all of the extra hands and encouragement. Also during the month of October we were able to support our community with the Community Wide Pep rally, Fields of Faith and Trunk or Treat. Now entering into the month of November, our youth group is entering into a new series called *Prayer*. In this series, we are learning what the purpose and power prayer plays in our daily lives. This series will be themed around the Lord's Prayer and the different avenues to practice prayer. I believe this series is vital for our youth group because as followers of Christ one of the greatest gifts we have received from God is the power and ability to communicate with our Father. My prayer for this series is that students would grow and learn to use the voice God has given them to grow in relationship and conversation with Him.



IMPORTANT DATES & ACTIVIES:

- ⇒ **Jr. High Youth: 4:00-5:00PM** *Snacks are provided for Jr. High*
- ⇒ **Sr. High Youth: 6:30-8:00PM** *Dinner provided for Sr. High*
- ⇒ Just a reminder that on Sunday night's we offer a Bible study, which is open for Jr. & Sr. High. It will be up in the youth room and will meet on Sunday on the 1st, 22nd and 29th.
- ⇒ On November 4th we will be starting Sr. High Youth at 6:15 and ending at 7:30PM so please mark your calendars for the time change.
- ⇒ On **November 8th** Children and youth ministries at FUMC are joining together to go to Chaloupka Farm on Sunday, November 8th. We cover the entrance fee all you need money for is snacks and additional activities. Transportation is provided or come as a family in your own vehicle. We will return to Gonzales between 5-6pm. RSVP for transportation to Ruth Smith or Willa Keck
- ⇒ **November 15th we will be holding our first ever Turkey Bowl.** Come out to Lions Park from 1:00-5:00PM for food, fellowship and football. Kick off is at 1:30PM. Hope to see y'all there.
- ⇒ **On November 18th we will be having a Thanksgiving meal** for all youth from 7th-12th grade from 6:30-7:30PM.
- ⇒ **On November 25th there is NO Youth Group! Enjoy Thanksgiving Break!**

NOVEMBER 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 BIBLE STUDY 5:00-6:00	2	3	4 YOUTH GROUP Jr. High 4:00-5:00 Sr. High 6:15-7:30	5	6	7
8 ROCKY CREEK MAZE 1:30-6:00PM	9	10	11 YOUTH GROUP Jr. High 4:00-5:00 Sr. High 6:30-8:00	12	13	14
15 TURKEY BOWL 1:00-5:00PM	16	17	18 YOUTH GROUP THANKSGIVING MEAL 6:30-7:30PM	19	20	21
22 BIBLE STUDY 5:00-6:00	23	24	25 NO YOUTH GROUP	26	27	28
29 BIBLE STUDY 5:00-6:00	30					

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THANKSGIVING

Celebrating God's Faithfulness Throughout The Year.

Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 22
at 6:00 p.m.
First Lutheran Church