

# The Trumpet

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BANDERA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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## WELCOME PASTOR KYLE TOOMIRE AND FAMILY



Pastor Kyle was born and raised in Odessa, Texas and after graduating from Permian High School he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He met Rachael when he became actively involved in the Wesley Foundation. He began his ministry over twenty years ago when he began working with youth at First UMN at Austin and while on staff there for over a decade, he organized and led countless mission trips, led

worship in the Chapel and launched a contemporary worship service. He attended seminary at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Masters of Divinity. Pastor Kyle was pastor of the

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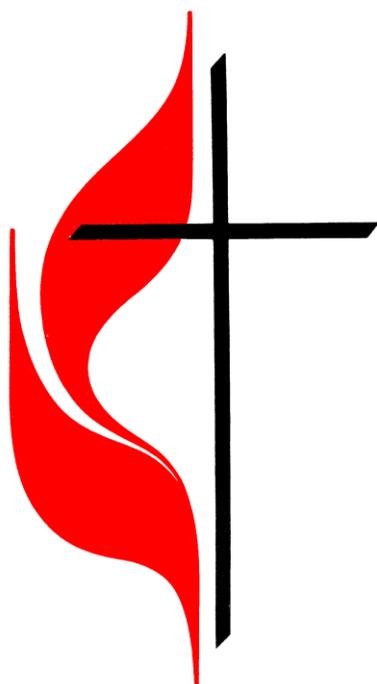
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### September Birthdays

2nd Lisa Warden  
2nd Eric Shaw

United Methodist Church in Buda for ten years before coming to Bandera and now he looks forward to what else God has in store for him and his family. Rachael Toomire has served for the past 11 years as a campus minister at the Texas Wesley Foundation and her primary role has been discipling young women. Kyle and Rachael have been blessed with two sons, Elias and Micah. The boys love sports, iPads going camping in their RV and many other things.

We are blessed to have Pastor Toomire and his family here at BUMC. Welcome!



2nd Ryleigh Laine  
3rd Anita Jeffery  
4th Thomas Lister  
4th Susan Hallmark  
5th Chris Robbins  
5th Shane Capes  
6th Addysen Bailey  
9th Todd Whitewood  
9th Wayne Antenen  
10th Serena Whitewood  
11th Phyllis Smith  
14th Jerry Baker  
14th Victoria Flores  
15th Mattie Morrison  
17th Roxanne Rardin  
18th Jim Rotan  
18th Bill Knowles  
19th Sheila Knowles  
19th Paula Smith  
20th Bob Williams  
20th Cori Hecke  
20th Betty Laganier  
21st Jo Ingram  
22nd Jim Barnard  
22nd Cody Johnston  
22nd LaRae Bailey  
24th Conrad Nightingale  
24th Susan Stain  
26th Leah Hawkins  
27th Jim Chastain  
28th Nancy Nightingale  
28th Randy Lawlis  
29th Randi Whitlock-Ussery  
30th Edie Loveland  
30th Randy Morrison  
30th Tom Stain

## The Pastor's Pen

We have been here for less than 2 months and yet we already love being here and we have loved getting to know so many of you. We look forward to much more together. So, thank you! We cannot wait to see all the things God will do in and through us at Bandera UMC.

That is one of the reasons we are asking God to expand our vision – where we are dreaming together of what could be. Our current worship series – Come Dream With Us is meant to allow us to ask God to show us what is next. You all have celebrated 150 years of ministry in Bandera, and God is definitely not finished with us. What will the next 150 years look like? We believe that God has put each one of us at this particular time and in this particular place for a very particular purpose. We are asking God to reveal that purpose to us.

We have been asking some questions recently to help us begin to discern God's call upon our church – specifically, why do people need Jesus, why do people need the church and why do people need THIS church. The God we serve is faithful – so I trust that He will help us answer those questions and when He does, please share what He reveals with me and with one another. A great place to share this would be at one of the

upcoming Cottage Meetings. Please look for sign-ups to be coming around soon. I cannot wait to hear more of your stories and to continue building the Kingdom together here in Bandera!

Once again, thank you and thank God for you!  
Pastor Kyle

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## Must Haves for Fall

Admittedly I am a bit of a TV junkie, however unless you live off the grid in a tiny house or you are Amish you cannot have escaped the back to school commercials that fueled the fever that began in August and has been bombarding our sensibilities ever since. Must haves they say...just the right outfit, perfect hair, add to that a cool backpack and slip on those new shoes. Clever advertising trains our brain and off we go because we need to have it, right? Conformity is a harsh task master, especially for our kids and they struggle to be just like everyone else. I find myself pulled by that same gravitational force and as adults we have a responsibility to share good advice from the Apostle Paul's letter to the Ephesians. But first let's see what Paul says about us before we get dressed.

We think of this sixth chapter as the "Armor of God" verses yet Paul begins with advice regarding relationships and the goodness in which we should deal with others. Anger and threatening language should never guide us; so remember honor and obedience because they are the best foundation ever. Warriors of old prepared for battle by putting on their armor for protection and so should we. The values of truth, right living, peace, salvation, prayer and reading the Word of God make for head to toe protection against everything that bombards our sensibilities.

So, some must haves for the Fall are as follows: Your belt, make sure you have on the belt which is truth, for wrapped in it you avoid the lies of this World and it keeps your pants up too!. Righteousness comes as you place the breastplate across your chest, centered above your heart where goodness and courage live. Hold fast to the shield because it protects your core, faith fending off the lies that assail us like arrows. And don't forget your shoes because in them, are the feet that carry the Good News of peace to the world! Stand strong and put on your hat of salvation because that was freely given to us at great cost and of course open your Bible, for the word of God is mighty and powerful. And everything in the Bible works, really it does and it goes with every outfit too!

We have much to accomplish between Cedar and Hackberry in the coming months. We will all be back from Summer adventures and looking for cooler months ahead and we should also be preparing to go into the world to change hearts and minds clad in our "must have" outfits. So be sure you tell everyone you did not have to drive to the Outlet Mall and you did not stand in line. For the outfit you are wearing was freely given and eternally in fashion and then go and do all the good you can, by all the means you can, by all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can. Pray and never give up. Many hands, one heart.

Elizabeth

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## Bonnie's Beat

Well, the day has finally arrived. Our kids and youth are back in school for the 2017-2018 school year. Volleyball games are underway, Texas High School Football has begun, and the Cross Country runners are up at 6:00am tearing up the roads. It is a time of both dread and excitement. Kids are hesitant to give up the

freedom of sleeping in, parents are happy to have their houses back, and everyone is anticipating all that a new year brings.

High School Sunday Nights will kick off on September 10th. We will play games, eat, fellowship, worship, and eat some more. It is always a wonderful night, welcoming our incoming freshmen into the fold and preparing for the busyness that the school year brings. Wednesday Night C.R.E.W. will resume on August 30th. The schedule for this year is as follows:

3:30 – 5:00 pm	Tutoring/Homework Help		
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Kids for Christ		
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Middle School C.R.E.W.	5:30 – 7:00 pm	Family Meal & Game Night (1st Wednesday of the month)
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Youth Fellowship Meal		
6:30 – 7:30 pm	High School C.R.E.W.		

There are many activities planned for the Fall already. Trunk-or-Treat, Youth Sunday, Fall Retreat, and the Chili Cook-Off & Gingerbread House Auction, just to name a few. We are so excited to see what this year has in store for the Youth at BUMC.

Psalm 68:19 says “Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.”

With all of the activities, obligations, and stress that the new school year brings, it is more important than ever to remember these words. We were not created to “do it by ourselves”, as we so often try to do. God is with us every step of the way, and every moment of every day. Remember that no matter how big, or small, the problem, Christ is there to take that burden. Whether you are 5, 15, 25, or 75, God is there to carry you. He is there to be your confessor, your support, your guide, your Father, and your friend. Allow Him to carry your burdens and your stress. Turn it over to God. Lift your worries and fears to the Lord, and He will lighten your heart.

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## United Methodist Women

UMW will gather Thursday September 14, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am for refreshments and fellowship. Linda Bausch will be the program leader at 10:00 am. After that the service project is preparing welcome bags for new visitors to our church. All women are welcome and invited to bring a friend to enjoy a time of Christian fellowship, learning and serving. For more info or questions, call Carol Wolf (201-381-3002)

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## Stephen Ministry: “Christ Caring for People through People”

The Stephen Ministry logo, with the broken person behind the cross and the whole person in front of the cross, symbolizes that we are all broken people and that it is only through the cross of Jesus that we are made whole. We are all broken in one way or another and because of the love and grace of our Lord and Savior we are made whole. It doesn't mean that our life is always easy, and although the Lord walks with us sometimes we need a kind, compassionate, confidential ear to share life's ups and downs. Our church is in the process of beginning a Stephen Ministry program and will start training Stephen Ministers in September 2017. We ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a Stephen Minister.

What Is a Stephen Minister you ask?

### A Stephen Minister IS ...

- A child of God who walks beside a hurting person;
- A caring Christian who listens;
- A member of our congregation who has received 50 hours of training in how to provide distinctively Christian care;
- A person who is ready to focus on your needs;
- A trustworthy confidant who will keep everything you say—and even your identity—confidential; and
- Someone who will faithfully meet with you on a weekly basis for as long as your need persists.



### A Stephen Minister is NOT ...

- A counselor or therapist
- A problem-solver
- Someone who runs errands or helps with chores or takes you to the doctors
- Someone who goes out to eat with you or to the movies or
- A casual visitor

If you are interested in learning more about Stephen ministry, either to become a Stephen Minister, or as someone who is facing a crises or other life challenges, or you are going through a difficult time and could benefit from the care of a supportive Christian friend, please speak with Roberta Himebrook at 830-460-0242.

Dear Bandera United Methodist Church Congregation,

First of all I would like to thank you for the very generous scholarship that you gave to me. It will be a big help as I go off to Schreiner. Thank you all so much for all that you guys have done for my life in this small western town. I have been going to this church since I moved here when I was seven and ever since then you all have supported me. I finished my elementary school years here, went through middle school and grew up in high school, all the while going to this church. I have seen people come and people go, I made new friends and lasting friendships, and have seen this church grow and develop. Many people would come see me in my high school plays and support me fully. All of this meant a lot to me and I just wanted to say thank you to each one of you for helping me grow in my faith. I will never forget this church and what it did for me, and while I may be leaving to further my education, I will visit when I can because I can never let go of my home away from home.

Thanks again,  
Gareth Darling

## Helping Hand

Summer is here and Helping Hand has been busy assisting those in need in Bandera County. Total individuals we helped in July was 311. Total families aided was 157. We had 22 new families who came for assistance. We gave food to 256 people, clothes to 65. Helping Hand gave 97 kids school supplies, at a cost of \$1300.

The monetary value we gave away through July totaled \$234,810--food \$87,810; clothes \$23,000; household items \$17,000; toiletries \$95,000; furniture \$12,000. This is all possible by those donating to our Thrift Store for resale, generous monetary giving of individuals, organizations, and churches.

For the month of September, we are in need of mac and cheese, pasta, and once again rice. However, we can use any and all kinds of food items and frozen meats for our Food Pantry.

When food is given out, Helping Hand attempts to give out 15 complete meals which provide food for at least 1/2 of the month.

Helping Hand is always in need of good used clothing, shoes, bed sheets, towels, washcloths, toiletries, furniture, and household items. Fans are a big need also.

Thank you church for the \$100 monthly designated budget amount to Helping Hand. Thank you also to all who continue to support Helping Hand in so many ways.

Marianne Sandidge  
Helping Hand Representative

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July 12, 2017

Dear Kyle and the Saints at Bandera UMC,

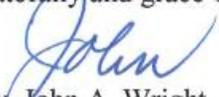
Grace and peace to you!

I have just received the half-year report for apportionments paid through June 30, and I note that you are one of thirteen churches in the Hill Country District which have paid over 50% of your apportionments to date! This is a great accomplishment, which should position your church to finish out 2017 at 100%. I heartily commend you and am thankful for your faithfulness.

Your commitment to fulfilling your "a-portion-meant-for-others" in a timely manner enables the Rio Texas Conference and The United Methodist Church at large to be an effective instrument in God's hands for making disciples of Jesus Christ and for transforming the world.

Let us be blessed and celebrate that we can do far more together than we could ever do alone! (Ephesians 3:20-21).

Gratefully and grace-fully,

  
Rev. John A. Wright  
Hill Country District Superintendent

Dear Bandera United Methodist Church,  
Thank you for helping to make the 85th birthday celebration of my mother, Elizabeth James, so special. She appreciates the calls, many cards, flowers and other things so much and so do I. We also greatly appreciate your continued thoughts, prayers, cards and support.

Love and prayers,  
Elizabeth and Minneana James



Figure 1 Baptism of James June 25, 2017



This summer we said goodbye Pastor Larry McRorey and Cathy McRorey. They moved to their new assignment in Portland, Texas and we will always remember their kind leadership and Christian counsel.



Figure 2 Revelation Touring Choir June 21, 2017

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## Bandera United Methodist Church

*Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors.*

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# Weekly Schedule of Events at BUMC

### Sunday

8:30 – 9:30 am	Contemporary Worship	Sanctuary
9:45 – 10:30 am	Sunday Morning Small Groups	Education Building
9:45 – 10:30 am	Prayer Ministry Chapel	
10:45 – 12:00 pm	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
12:00 – 2:00 pm	Confirmation Class (Sept 10 – Nov 5)	Education Building
5:00 – 7:00 pm	High School C.R.E.W.	Youth Room

*Holy Communion is observed every Sunday. All are welcome.*

### Monday

10:00 – 11:00 am	Women's Bible Study	Education Building
5:30 – 7:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Education Building

### Tuesday

8:30 – 2:30 pm	Kid's Kingdom	Kid's Kingdom
1:00 – 4:00 pm	The Cut-Ups	Education Building
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Boy Scouts	Boy Scout Room

### Wednesday

3:30 – 5:00 pm	Tutoring/Homework Help	Education Building
3:30 – 5:30 pm	Kids for Christ	Fellowship Hall
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Men's Emmaus Reunion Group	Education Building
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Middle School C.R.E.W.	Youth Room
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Prayer Ministry Chapel	
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Family Meal & Game Night (1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month)	Fellowship Hall
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Youth Fellowship Meal	Youth Room
6:15 – 7:00 pm	Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	Education Building
6:30 – 7:30 pm	High School C.R.E.W.	Youth Room
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Adult Bible Studies	Education Building
7:00 – 8:30 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary

### Thursday

8:30 – 2:30 pm	Kid's Kingdom	Kid's Kingdom
6:00 – 7:30 pm	Abundant Grace Rehearsal	Sanctuary
7:00 – 9:00 pm	Bridlegate Bible Study	516 Martingale Trl (830.285.5751)

Please visit our website for more information and to see a regularly updated calendar of special events.

[www.banderaumc.org](http://www.banderaumc.org)