

UPCOMING EVENTS, CONT'D

Christians in the Kitchen will be meeting on January 30 @ 7:00 p.m. The topic will be "Soups". Space is limited and there is a \$5 registration fee. (Cost of Class pays for the ingredients used). Come hungry. To register call John Swepton at 325-234-6143. MmmMmm Good!

CHURCH PLUS 2 is an opportunity for you to plug into the community of faith, and faithfully serve. Where do you get fed? Where do you receive building up or renewal? As you plug in and are fed, then you can in turn feed others by your service.

CHALLENGE 90 is an individual challenge to read the Bible in 90 days. If you have never read the Bible entirely, this is a great opportunity to do so. By starting in January you can finish the reading the Bible before Easter. What an accomplishment that may be and a boast to your general biblical knowledge. See the printed schedule located in the Narthex.



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Have you been wanting to **learn how to Cross Stitch**? There will be a **Beginning Cross Stitch Class** starting, Sunday, January 8, in Class Room 1, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The first class will cost \$5.00 which covers supplies. Please contact Laurie Swepton for additional information.

The next **Barnhart Community Luncheon** will be Thursday, January 12 at 12 noon. Good Food! Good Neighbors!

Leadership Training—January 14th at 8:45 a.m. at Sierra Vista UMC. We will leave from the Church no later than 8:00 a.m.

The next **Mertzon Community Luncheon** will be Tuesday, January 17 at 11:30 p.m. Come visit with your friends and neighbors while enjoying a delicious meal.

Arbor Terrace—Arbor Terrace is a nursing home in San Angelo that FUMC Mertzon adopted. Please come and join us as we visit with the residents. The smiles you receive are well worth your time. Thursday, January 19 @ 4:30 p.m.

Men's Community Prayer Breakfast—January's Prayer Breakfast will be on Saturday the 21st of January at the First Baptist Church at 7:00 am.

Irion County Food Pantry is Tuesday, January 24 at the Mertzon Community Center. Food items are gathered and sacked up beginning at 11:00 a.m. then handed out between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.

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Prayer Shawl Ministry

MADE WITH LOVE AND PRAYER

The First United Methodist Church Prayer Shawl Ministry continues with their knitting and crocheting. The blankets and shawls that are completed are blessed by the congregation on the 1st Sunday of each month. Do you knit or crochet? Please come join these wonderful ladies as they continue with this ministry. Men are welcome too!!

The Prayer Shawl Ministry is being challenged with crocheting plastic mats for the homeless using plastic bags and Alzheimer's lap blankets for patients at Arbor Terrace. **Check it out!!**



Ten Commandments—A new quilting class will begin February 2nd. This class will meet each Thursday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Contact Linda Billington for additional information.



FUMC Youth (Sr./Jr. High, PreK-6th Grade) **meet on Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm.** If you would like to assist in preparing/serving a meal, please place your name on the sign-up sheet.

FUMC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

United Methodist Women: Monday 9:30 am to 11:00 pm. Currently studying *"Battlefield of the Mind"*.

Noon Bible Study Group: Monday Noon till 1:00 p.m. Currently studying Spiritual Gifts.

Chrysalis: Monday at Noon, Sign-up to furnish a meal

Walking by Faith: 9:00 am Tuesdays, Thursday & Fridays

Bible Study for All: Tuesdays 4 to 5:30 pm

AA/AI-A: Tuesdays & Sundays at 7:00 pm

Prayer: Wednesdays 7:00 am

Prayer Shawls: Wednesdays 1:00 pm

Choir Practice: Wednesdays 5:00 pm

Pre-K thru 12th Grade: Wednesdays 5:30-7:00 pm, Sign-up to bring meals

United Methodist Men: Thursdays 7:00 am

NA: Thursdays 7:00 pm

Women's Emmaus Reunion Group: Fridays 12:00-1:10 pm. Anyone who has attended a walk is welcome to come and participate. As they gather to offer support and prayers for one another in helping each other grow closer to Christ through fellowship and discipleship.