



**Prayer Shawl
Ministry** 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!!



—This quilting class meets each Thursday from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m; however, they are taking December off. A new series will begin January 4th. Contact Linda Billington for additional information.

Beginning Cross Stitch Class each Monday at 7:00 p.m. in Class Room 1, The first class will cost \$5.00 which covers supplies. Please contact Laurie Swepston for additional information.



Youth of FUMC Mertzon are back in full swing. Come and join them. They meet from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. each Wednesday. A meal is provided.



Merry Christmas Church,

As we wait expectantly for Christ to be born not only to the world, but also in our hearts anew. We have this anticipation of what Christ will bring to us this year. This anticipation is akin to the presence of a gift under the tree with your name on it. The right size and shape, just the right dimensions for the gift that you secretly are longing for. No voice is given to this desired gift.

As Christmas arrives, and the gift is opened, our elation exceeds our anticipation or expectation. Christ is the perfect gift. He is the right dimensions for the secret desire and longing of the perfect gift for our hearts. We do not have to give voice to this desire, it is part of the "Imago Dei", the created image of God in which we are all participants.

You are salt. You are light. Your presence in this world makes it a better place. You are part of what it means to have Christ born in your heart. You have received this amazing gift. I pray that you will share the gift you have received this Christmas with all you encounter.

Grace and Peace

Pastor Bun

DECEMBER 2017



FUMC WEEKLY SCHEDULE

United Methodist Women: Monday 9:30 am to 11:00 pm.

Noon Bible Study Group: Monday 12:15 p.m. till 1:00 p.m

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

Bible Study for All: Tuesday 4:00 p.m.

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 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

Men's Emmaus Reunion Group: Mondays 7:00 am contact Dan McClung

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
MERTZON, TEXAS**

DECEMBER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Our prayer for you this Christmas is that you would know the greatest gift - JESUS				1 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	2
3 COMMUNION SUNDAY 9:30 am Bible Studies for all ages 11:00 am Worship 7-7:30 pm Alternative Service 7-8:00 pm AA/Al-A Rm	4 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 am UM Women 12:15 pm Bible Study 12:30 pm Chrysalis 6:00 pm Advent by Candlelight 7:00 pm Beginning Cross Stitch	5 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 6:30 pm Emmaus Gathering At Sierra Vista 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	6 7:00 am Prayer 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir 5:00-7:00 PreK-6th Grade Bible Studies 5:00-7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Youth	7 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 pm NO WOB Quilt Class 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	8 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	9
10 9:00 Church Breakfast 9:30 am Bible Studies for all ages 11:00 am Worship 7-7:30 pm Alternative Service 7-8:00 pm AA/Al-A Rm	11 7:00 am Men's Emmaus Reunion Group 9:30 am UM Women 12:15 pm Bible Study 12:30 pm Chrysalis 7:00 pm Beginning Cross Stitch	12 9:00 am Walking by Faith 2:00 pm ICH Winter Band Concert 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 6-8:00 pm Laundry Love 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	13 7:00 am Prayer 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl 5:00 pm Choir 5:00-7:00 PreK-6th Grade Bible Studies 5:00-7:00 pm Jr/Sr High Youth	14 BARNHART COMMUNITY LUNCHEON 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 pm NO WOB Quilt Class 3-6:00 pm UMC West District Open House 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	15 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	16 7:00 am Community Prayer Breakfast @ First Baptist
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