



**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. 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.



What A great year!!!

There are so many things that were accomplished through your service and generosity of time and energy. The summer saw the second annual

Community VBS. Our Back to School bash provided a great way to kick off the school year and had people talking about a 30-foot water castle. It really makes an impression.

The Irion County Teacher and Staff appreciation luncheon is always fun and this year almost all the teachers were able to come. Writing of cards and notes to all the Irion County School employees has been a work of discipleship and tremendous outpouring to spread the light of the gospel and the love of God.

Trunk or Treat ushered in a change of temperature. December brought Christmas trees to the Irion County Library. Almost 800lbs of food was collected for the recipients of the Irion County Food Bank. December also saw our first Advent by Candlelight.

If you find yourself panting, it's because you have been working hard. It blows my hair back.

My hope and prayer is that 2018 is a continuation of the work and ministry this congregation provides to all.

On a personal note: I would like to thank you for your generosity in the many cards, notes, and gifts I have received. I have been able to purchase tires for "Big Red".

Grace and Peace

Pastor Bun

**JANUARY
2018**



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

JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
MAY YOU SHINE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE NEW YEAR!	1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 6:30 pm Concho Country Emmaus Community Gathering At Sierra Vista 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	3 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	4 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 pm WOB Quilt Class 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	5 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	6
7 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/A1-A Rm	8 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	9 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	10 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	11 BARNHART COMMUNITY LUNCHEON 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 pm WOB Quilt Class 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	12 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	13 8:45 Leadership Training @ FUMC San Angelo
14 9:00 am 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/A1-A Rm	15 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	16 MERTZON COMMUNITY LUNCHEON 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	17 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	18 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:30 pm WOB Quilt Class 4:30 pm Arbor Terrace 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	19 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	20 7:00 am Community Prayer Breakfast @FUMC
21 9:30 am Bible Studies for all ages 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm Trustees' Meeting 5:30 pm Finance Meeting 6:00 pm Admin Meeting 7-7:30 pm Alternative Service 7-8:00 pm AA/A1-A Rm	22 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	23 FOOD PANTRY 9:00 am Walking by Faith 4-5:30 pm Bible Study for All 7:00 pm AA/A1 Room 1	24 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	25 7:00 am UM Men 9:00 am Walking by Faith 10:00 am Clergy Training @ FUMC SA 12:30 pm WOB Quilt Class 7:00 pm NA Room 1 (Narcotics Anonymous)	26 9:00 am Walking by Faith 12:00 Women's Emmaus Reunion Group	27
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