

STEPHEN MINISTRY



**"Bear one another's burdens, and in this way
you will fulfil the law of Christ." (Galatians 6:2)**

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August 13, 2017

10th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

**Stephen Ministry Sunday with
the Commissioning of Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers**

Welcome! We're glad you're here.

Please sign in using the attendance books along the center aisles.

PRELUDE:

Ken Rudolf, Guest Organist

"Grave; Adagio"

by Felix Mendelssohn

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

Acolytes

Enter with the symbol of the Light of Christ

MOMENTS OF WELCOME:

Loretta Cudney, Lay Leader

Greeting

Guests

Registration

Announcements

Peace

* TRINITY BELLS (Stand as you are able)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bob Banks, Liturgist

(Adapted from Genesis 37, Psalm 105, Romans 10)

(Leader) Rejoice in the Lord. Call on God's holy name.

(People) Give thanks to the Lord. Sing to our God with shouts of joy.

(Leader) Rejoice in the Lord. Proclaim God's mighty works.

**(People) Give thanks to the Lord. Proclaim the miracles
of God's hands.**

(Leader) Rejoice in the Lord. Trust in God's saving love.

(All) Give thanks to the Lord. Tell the wonders of God's glory.

Amen!

(Vs. 1, 2, & 3 only) *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

THE COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADERS

(Pastor) (addressing the Stephen Leaders) Stephen Leaders, David Fraser and Marie Madden, you have been trained at a Stephen Series Leader’s Training Course and have been asked to serve as Stephen Leaders at FUMCOR. You are a gift of God to us, to lead us in this ministry of equipping and caring.

(Pastor) (addressing the congregation) As Christians who are a part of the priesthood of all believers, all of us are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus Christ. But it is also our privilege to recognize and support those who are trained for specific ministries in this congregation, especially today as we recognize and affirm Stephen Ministry and those Stephen Leaders who will direct this ministry.

(Pastor) (addressing the Stephen Leaders) Because of your gifts, your calling, and your training, we charge you with these responsibilities.

- ▶ To build awareness of our growing Stephen Ministry
- ▶ To solicit the commitment of this congregation to Stephen Ministry at every opportunity.
- ▶ To recruit, select, and train thoroughly as Stephen Ministers those members of this congregation whose gift it is to share one-to-one caring ministry
- ▶ To use the resources of our community as appropriate to enrich the training and ongoing supervision of Stephen Ministry in this congregation.

▶ To work with the Pastor of this congregation to identify members who could benefit from this confidential caring ministry.

▶ To assign the trained caregiver who most appropriately fits a person's need.

▶ To supervise these confidential caring relationships and offer regular opportunities for continuing growth in the skills and practice of caring ministry.

(Pastor) (addressing the Stephen Leaders) Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?

(Stephen Leaders) I will, and I ask God to help me.

(Pastor) Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and heal people in all their needs?

(Stephen Leaders) I will, and I ask God to help me.

(Pastor) (addressing the congregation) Members of FUMCOR, will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Leaders and pray for them as servants of Christ?

(Congregation) Yes, with the help of God.

(Pastor) Let us pray. Gracious God, you have called these people to lead us into new paths of caring ministry. You have gifted and empowered them for this task. Grant them joy in their service and a spirit of bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(People) Amen.

BLESSING (the Stephen Leaders may kneel)

(Pastor)(Name) May the Lord of the church fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless, and keep you so that you may be faithful in the ministry

to which you have been called, gifted, trained, and sent.
(People) Amen.

THE COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS

(Pastor) I'd like to invite the Stephen Ministers to be commissioned to come forward: Lynn Ashworth, Allison George, Greg Laird, and Do Lee.

(Pastors) (addressing the Stephen Ministers) Brothers and sisters, each of you has been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection for you. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and neighborhood who need to be comforted.

(David Fraser, Stephen Leader) As the Lord Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to be responsive to the needs of others.

(Marie Madden, Stephen Leader) As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on His shoulders and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life.

(David) As the Lord Jesus patiently listens when you turn to Him, we ask you to be a patient listener in a hurried world.

(Marie) As the Lord Jesus has broken down the barriers that separated you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and strive to make people whole.

(Pastor) Are you prepared to meet those requests that we ask of you?

(Stephen Ministers) Yes, with the help of God.

(Pastor) Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others—to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all their needs?

(Stephen Ministers) Yes, with the help of God.

(Pastor) (addressing the congregation) Now, we ask you, members of FUMCOR, to open your hearts to the ministry of these people and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants of Christ. Are you prepared to meet this request?

(Congregation) Yes, with the help of God.

(Pastor) We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these individuals to work with you as you face struggles in your life, that you might receive support and help from your Christian brothers and sisters.

(Congregation) Yes, with the help of God.

(Pastor) (again addressing the Stephen Minister trainees) Are you prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at FUMCOR?

(Stephen Ministers) Yes, with the help of God.

(David) Come forward now and receive a blessing.

(Pastor) (Lynn, Allison, Greg and Do) In the name of this congregation, I commend you to Stephen Ministry and pledge to you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this and in all things you may do God's will in the service of Jesus Christ as Stephen Ministers.

(All) Amen!

(Pastor) (addressing the Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers) You are hereby commissioned as Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers in this congregation of The United Methodist Church. Go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

(All) Amen!

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER
SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. J. T. Kim, Pastor

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Lyn Knowles

Parents visiting for the first time, please follow your children to the exit door to register.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 10:5-15

Bob Banks, Liturgist

[Salvation Is For All]

(The **New** Testament, page **149** NRSV)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SOLO

"Assurance"

Alice Wymer, Soprano

by John Ness Beck

* GOSPEL READING

Matthew 14:22-33

Bob Banks, Liturgist

[Jesus Walks on the Water]

(The **New** Testament, page **15** NRSV)

Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ!

All: Glory to You, O Christ! Amen.

SERMON

"FEAR AND FAITH"

Rev. J. T. Kim

* HYMN OF DEDICATION #136

All

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

(Pastor) Remembering God's wonderful works, let us share our gifts and offerings, that the message of God's wonderful works and of Christ's saving love may be known throughout the earth.

(All) Amen!

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Still, Still with Thee" Ken Rudolf, Organist
by Felix Mendelssohn

* DOXOLOGY

All

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. J. T. Kim

* SENDING HYMN #593

"Here I Am, Lord"

All

* BENEDICTION

Rev. J. T. Kim

POSTLUDE

Ken Rudolf, Organist

“Allegro maestoso e vivace”
by Felix Mendelssohn

* DENOTES STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

In Our Prayers:

In hospital, Steve Draisey (Susan Exon's brother-in-law);
Marcia Draisey

In convalescent care, Marlene Bardarson, Don Blose, Kirk Ferguson,
Rev. Bob Mayou, Sarah Six, Marjorie Souder,
Arlene Tillman, Stewart Thompson

For health and support, David Allen's mother Micky, Lynn Ashworth,
Ali Bankhead, Mary Boon, Phyllis Chandler, Ellen Charles, John Chernik
and Family, Helen Dennington, Maryetta Ferre, Carolyn German,
Aaron Gerstner, Kimberly Goforth, Jean Grout, Pat Jeffries,
Kathy, Barbara Kent, Bill and Mary Lou Kerrick, Judy Lamers,
Shirley Littleton, Laurel McDonald, McDuffie Family, Dan Miller,
Laurel Morgan, Natalie, Bill Nuchols, Kay Otto, Pia,
Brandy Qualtieri, Peggy Ramsay, Reh Family, Amit Roberts,
Chandra Roberts, Madison Salvador, Bob Schiffer,
Micheline Scoggins, Randy Sosa, Mark Spangler,
Barbara Spencer, Carol Stalder, Charlotte Stevenson,
Ken Sutton Family, Connie & Jim Taylor, Lisa Thomas,
Tony Vasquez, Kelly and Kirk Weakly and Family, Sherry Weide,
Myra Williams, Gerry Wright

A Time for Celebration

“Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him,” (Matthew 4:19-20).

Today we celebrate the commissioning of six caring members of our congregation who have heard the call of the Lord and left their nets to follow Him. They have the spiritual gifts to be Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers, and they have participated in many hours of training learning how to carry out this ministry for the Lord.

Now they stand poised, as the apostles were on Pentecost, ready to begin this caring ministry in our midst. As we commission them and send them forth to minister, let us thank God for the love and the generosity that inspired their response to God’s call, and let us pray for the success of this caring ministry that they bring to our community.



“Feed the Hunger” Food Bags

The Youth and Tweens have filled over 100 “Feed the Hungry” food bags for your cars. They are available in the Narthex.

Please donate \$5.00 for each bag you take so we can continue this outreach. Thank you.

Bring Your Favorite Salad—Faith & Fellowship Hosts Luncheon

Next Sunday, August 20 after Worship, Faith and Fellowship will be hosting a salad potluck where **everyone gets to bring their favorite salad to share.**

Come by for food and fellowship. Faith & Fellowship will provide rolls, drinks and desserts.



After a nice two-month rest, we are happy to announce our **United Methodist Men's** program on September 10, 2017. Our speaker will be **Deirdre Kirkwood**, who will be speaking about the Nursing Profession. The “celebration” will start at 7:00 am, with a welcome and prayer, followed by a delicious breakfast.

Deirdre plans to start with a brief history of nursing followed by some changes she has witnessed in her 22 years in the profession. She will also touch on the future of this field. The Kirkwood family is active in our church, and Methodist Men is delighted to have Deirdre speak on this important subject.

In looking over 2016-2017, we are appreciative of all the volunteers who made our programs and special events effective.

BRING ON 2017-2018—WE ARE READY!

(Note: Our programs have been scheduled throughout most of the year, including a super musical activity for December.)

Looking for Ringers

Do you enjoy music? Would you like the opportunity to play music in our church? If so, signing up for the bell choirs can be your opportunity to join a group of musicians dedicated to enhancing the worship experience. **NO MUSICAL BACKGROUND REQUIRED!**



All the bell choirs will be starting rehearsals for the 2017/2018 season soon and are looking for adults, youth and children to join us.

* Children's chime choir: Group meets most Sundays at 9:30 am for approximately 20 minutes. This group is for children in grades first through sixth.

* Youth Bells: Group meets on Sundays at 8:45 am for 30 minutes. This group is for kids in grades seven through 12.

* Allegro Ringers: The adult bell choir meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm for an hour. This group is open to everyone 18 years of age and older. We have two openings.

Come see me on Sundays OR call the church office for schedule of rehearsals. —*Gayla Lonsbery, Bell Director*

Ride-Givers Needed

We occasionally have people asking about transportation to Worship services and other activities, such as a doctor's appt. or grocery shopping.

If you would be willing to be available to provide a ride, please leave your name and telephone number with the church office, and we will keep you on our list.

—*Church and Society/Missions*

August 2017

Handcrafters (Asbury)

9:30 AM, August 16, 23, 30

No Unit Meeting,

Almond/Wesleyan

Circle Potluck or Citrus Circle

HANDCRAFTERS

Handcrafters will meet on Wednesday, August 16, at 9:30 am in the Asbury Room. Come join the fun as we craft the inventory for the Bazaar.

EMBROIDERERS

Though the embroidering continues on schedule, some of the small squad of embroiderers is feeling a bit fatigued. So, if you have the skills, stop by on a Wednesday morning and sign out a few.



Embroiderers Wanted!

AN OPPORTUNITY

There are some women in our congregation who would like to be part of the UMW but cannot attend Wednesday morning meetings.

On Saturday, September 23, you will have the chance to meet with many of the women in the East District of our Conference. This annual Fall Celebration will be hosted by our church. It starts at 8:30 am with Registration and will end after lunch. Your \$12 registration fee will include a continental breakfast and lunch. If you would feel more comfortable with an assignment as a host volunteer, call Bertha Harris at 951-689-3610.

This Celebration will be in place of our regular Wednesday Unit Meeting. Mark your calendar!



United
Methodist
Women

FAITH • HOPE • LOVE IN ACTION

Game Night

On Saturday, August 19, join us for fun and games in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 pm. We will provide pizza, dessert and drinks. You can bring your own favorite games, but we have plenty on hand also.

Chick Flick

On Thursday, August 24, in the Adult Lounge the ladies will have a light dinner and watch "Soul Surfer." Please call the church office (951-683-7831) and RSVP for our food count.



Get the Right Size

You can order your First UMC t-shirt until August 27. It will be ready in time for the Fall Festival. The t-shirt will say "You can't buy happiness, but you can be a United Methodist and that's kind of the same thing" on the back. A line drawing of our church and the church name will be on one sleeve. To help make sure you order the correct size, **please stop by the table on the patio on the following dates: today August 13 and August 27.** Shirts are available in the following sizes for you to hold up next to your shoulders to help determine your correct size.

Mens': XL, XXL, XXXL

Ladies': S, M, L, XL

Ladies' V neck: S, M, L, XL

Shirts are available in many other sizes. Men's shirts can be purchased up to size 6XL. Women's shirts are available to size 4XL. Just look at the order form to see what sizes are available in the shirt design you prefer.



Get Your United Methodist Spirit!

We are making new FUMCOR t-shirts. Turn in orders by **AUG. 27, 2017**

Name: _____	_____
Phone: _____	_____

Item	Size	Color	Price	Add \$3 each for shirt XXL and larger	Total amount
Youth			\$10		
XS-XL					
Men's			\$16		
S-6XL					
Men's pocket			\$16		
S-4XL					
Ladies			\$16		
S-4XL					
Ladies v-neck			\$16		
S-4XL					
				Grand Total	

Choose Royal Blue, Dark Green or Charcoal.

(For the women's v-neck, coral is available instead of the dark green)

Make check payable to: **FUMCOR.**

All profits go to missions projects.

Questions answered on the church patio, or contact Lyn Knowles at 951 737-3541

Fall Festival is Coming Soon

Saturday, September 30, is our Fall Festival where we share FUMCOR with our community. We are still looking for volunteers and can still use items to “build your scarecrow.” Call or come by the Church Office with your items. *“Many hands make light work.”*

Budgets are Due Soon

Thank you to everyone who has already submitted their budget requests for 2018.

To those who are still working on it, **please have your figures in to Becky Ruiz, Finance Manager, by Friday, September 1.** Call, stop by, or e-mail (rruiz@fumcor.com) your budget needs, **which will be presented to Finance.**

School Supplies

Church & Society / Missions is collecting school supplies for the Family Homeless Shelter and for the Salvation Army in Riverside. The School Supplies will be given to the children as they begin the new school year.

Needs List

Backpacks—plain with no themes or characters
Pack of colored pencils
24-count box of crayons
Colored markers
Glue sticks
Spiral notebooks, multiple subjects
Ruled notebook paper
#2 pencils
Pocket folders
1-inch binders



Collection boxes are in the church office and Narthex July and August. Please call Lisa Laird for further information at 276-4490.

YOUTH CALENDAR

Lifetree Cafe at Arlington UMC

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm— every Thursday evening. Everyone is welcome.

Sunday evening Youth activities at the church begin August 27, 6:00 pm.
Youth Sunday School begins September 10.

This Week at FUMCOR

Sunday, August 13

- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School
—Adult Lounge
10:00 am Worship/Stephen
Ministry Commissioning
11:15 am Website Evaluation Mtg.
—Mary's Kitchen

Wednesday, August 16

- 9:30 am Handcrafters—Asbury

Thursday, August 17

- 6:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
—Mary's Kitchen
7:00 pm Lifetree Cafe—Arlington
UMC

Friday, August 18

- 9:30 am Stephen Ministry
—Mary's Kitchen

Saturday, August 19

- 5:30 pm Game Night
—Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 20

- 8:45 am Adult Sunday School
—Adult Lounge
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Missions Garden—Patio
11:00 am Salad Potluck Luncheon
—Fellowship Hall

The ministers of First United Methodist Church of Riverside are its members. Assisting them are Bishop Grant J. Hagiya; District Superintendent Jan Wiley, and the church staff: Sr. Pastor, Rev. J. T. Kim; Rev. Roy Riggs, Retired Minister; Office Manager, Becky Ruiz; Secretary, Stephanie Chandler; Director of Children's & Women's Ministries, Barbara Jo Wilson; Aldersgate Director, Yvonne Flagg; Organist, David Lines; Bell Choirs Director, Gayla Lonsbery; Youth/Young Adult Director, Dr. Kate Hunter; Lay Leader, Loretta Cudney; Preschool Director, Karen Wilson.