



WELCOME

Welcome to First United Methodist Church! We are glad you chose to worship with us today, and we pray that you experience the love and power of Jesus Christ. Please fill out our Connection Card, or use our mobile app or the QR code. Let an usher know if we can assist you in any way. FUMC Lufkin currently offers our weekly worship service in-person or on Facebook Live at 10 AM.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Kaylee Snider

† Passing of the Peace

Abby Kerr

† Congregational Response

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving I'll be a living Sanctuary for You.

† Opening Prayer

Josh Wafer

Everliving God, your eternal Christ once dwelt on earth, confined by time and space. Give us faith to discern in every time and place the presence among us of him who is head over all things and fills all, even Jesus Christ our ascended Lord. Amen.

† Songs of Praise

Reckless Love

Oceans

† Responsive Reading

Psalm 1

Caleb Dale

Leader: Blessed are those who do not walk in the counsel of the wicked;

People: or stand in the way of sinners, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

Leader: but their delight is in the law of the Lord,

People: and on God's law they meditate day and night.

Leader: They are like trees planted by streams of water that yield their fruit in season, and their leaves do not wither.

People: In all that they do, they prosper.

Leader: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

**People: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment;
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;**

Leader: for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

People: but the way of the wicked will perish.

† Gloria Patri

Mother's Day Litany

Dr. Bob Shield

For our mothers, who have given us life and love, that we may show them reverence and love,
we pray to the Lord...

For mothers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them,
we pray to the Lord...

For women, though without children of their own, who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
we pray to the Lord...

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families,
we pray to the Lord...

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Ways To Give

- By scanning the QR code
- Through our website at www.lufkinfirst.com
- On the Venmo App – our username is @FirstUMC-Lufkin
- By mailing your check to: FUMC, 805 E. Denman Ave. Lufkin, TX 75901



Musical Offering

Amazing Grace

†**Doxology**

Scripture

Jeremiah 29:5-14

Cooper Knight

Sermon

You're Not Alone

Alex Capps

Senior Slideshow

Introduction of Seniors

Jenny Capps

Special Prayers for Seniors

Dr. Bob Shield

†**Closing Song**

Graves into Gardens

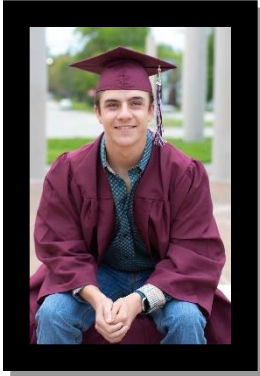
Special Recognition: Hannah Holmes Verhalen

†**Pastoral Benediction**

† Please stand as able

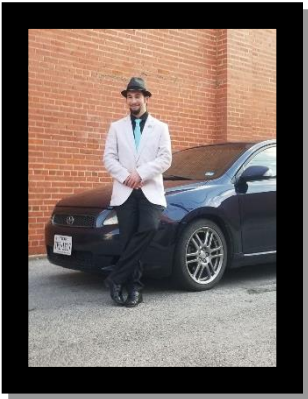


Senior Sunday
Class of 2024



Alex Capps
Hudson High School

Alex is graduating from Hudson High School. He plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall. He is still deciding on a major. Alex was a member of the National Honor Society. His rabbits won a sale spot at the Angelina County Youth Fair. He became a certified drone pilot and he was district champ in tennis. Alex's favorite memory at Lufkin FUMC was "right after I was confirmed, my family handed me a necklace with the Methodist cross that I still wear today."



Caleb Dale
Texas Private Homeschool

Caleb Dale is graduating from Texas Private Homeschool. He plans to attend Angelina College in the fall. Caleb was able to work hard, skipped a grade, and graduate a year early. Caleb's favorite memory at Lufkin FUMC is going to UM Army. He loves to meet new people and be able to help all clients.



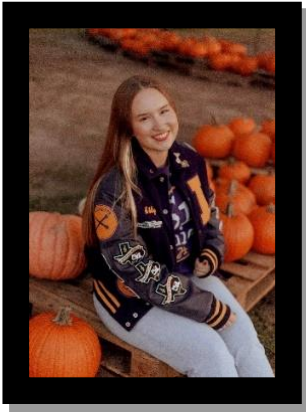
Jacob Dale
Texas Private Homeschool

Jacob is graduating from Texas Private Homeschool. He plans to get an electrician apprenticeship in the fall. Jacob is very proud of finishing confirmation. He has also been involved in Trail Life for many years. Jacob's favorite memory at Lufkin FUMC is going to UM Army every summer and helping people.



Hayden Futch
Lufkin High School

Hayden is graduating from Lufkin High School. He plans to attend a 4-year university and major in computer science. Hayden was on the robotics team, and they were Robotics World's Division Champs. He is a National Merit Commended Scholar and an AP Scholar or Distinction. He was also a computer science UIL District champion for 2 years. Hayden's favorite memory at Lufkin FUMC is volunteering to help with VBS,



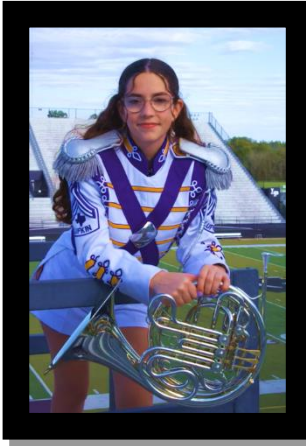
Abby Kerr
Lufkin High School

Abby is graduating from Lufkin High School. She plans to attend Stephen F. Austin in the fall. She hopes to major in nursing. Abby has been in the band and a twirler for 4 years, 2 of which were state band champions. This year she was the head majorette. Abby has been involved in Leadership Tomorrow, Drug-Free All-Stars, the National Honor Society, and the Patient Care Technician Program. She was also awarded the Smith-Hutson full-ride scholarship. Her favorite memory at Lufkin FUMC was the mystery trip in 7th grade. "We had been at the Astros game and had to leave because it was so late. The game had gone into extra innings; so, while we were in the van on the way home, we had the game on the radio. We were listening to the game until we heard they lost. We had so much fun anticipating how the game would end."



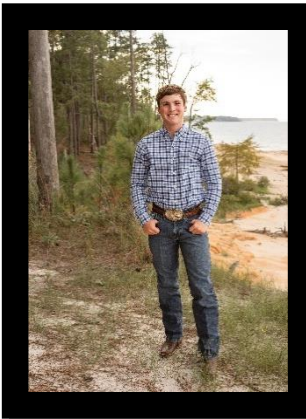
Cooper Knight
Lufkin High School

Cooper is graduating from Lufkin High School. He plans to attend Angelo State University in the fall where he will play baseball. Cooper is a member of the National Honor Society. He was on the varsity football and baseball teams in high school. He is a Top 5 graduate in his class. Cooper's favorite memory of Lufkin FUMC is building Old Bethlehem with his family.



Callie Lawrence
Lufkin High School

Callie is graduating from Lufkin High School. She plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall. She hopes to major in music education. Callie served as a drum major her senior year. She was also a UIL State Military Marching Band champion. Callie was on the robotics team, and they made it to world's championship. She is graduating 7th in her class. Callie's favorite moment at Lufkin FUMC was at UM Army her junior year when she was on Miss Elisa's work team.



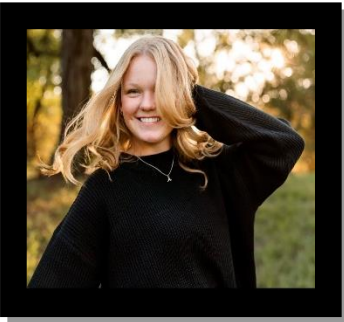
KP Mathis
Lufkin High School

KP is graduating from Lufkin High School. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering. Throughout KP's high school career, he has been involved in the Stephen F. Austin State University STEM Academy. He has also been involved in FFA, 4-H, Lufkin Rotary Interact Club, and the Texas High School Rodeo Association. In most of these clubs and organizations, he held numerous leadership positions and went to several competitions. KP's favorite memory at Lufkin FUMC is "the time I spent with my youth group over the past several years. Whether at Wednesday night youth group, on a church trip, at the Sees' house, or poolside bible study, we always had a good time while learning and growing in our faith."



Josh Oates
Central High School

Josh Oates is graduating from Central High School; He plans to attend Angelina College in the fall for his prerequisites for the Smith-Hutson scholarship, to become a state trooper. Josh has excelled in cross country, track, and welding. Josh and his friends petitioned the school board to help establish Central's first-ever soccer team. Josh has proven to be a loyal employee, maintaining a job to support his hobbies. Josh's favorite memory at Lufkin FUMC is "we were at Storm for the 1st time, and we wrote on each other's faces while we were asleep but we used high lighter so you couldn't even tell."



Kaylee Snider
Hudson High School

Kaylee is graduating from Hudson High School. She plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall. She wants to major in fine arts and become a court room artist. Kaylee has competed at the state level in cross country and swim during her high school career. She also won the Angelina County Fair art contest. Kaylee's favorite memories at Lufkin FUMC are UM Army, making new friends, and helping people.



Michael Vasquez
Pineywoods Community Academy

Michael is graduating from Pineywoods Community Academy. He plans to attend Angelina College in the fall. Michael was in a play at SFA during his high school career. His favorite memories at Lufkin FUMC are Cook and Serve and helping people.



Josh Wafer
Huntington High School

Josh is graduating from Huntington High School. He plans to attend Stephen F. Austin State University in the fall. He hopes to graduate with a forestry degree. Josh is an Eagle Scout. He is a district one act play winner and a state qualifier in robotics. He is a district cross country winner and a state qualifier in track. Josh's favorite moment at Lufkin FUMC is volunteering for VBS when he gets to see the children's happy faces learning about God.



Love Others

Would you like to receive our weekly digital newsletter called the First Look?

Email us at admin@lufkinfirst.com

Would you like to get church updates through text?

Sign up for our text service where you can get the latest updates happening at FUMC.

Sign up by texting your name to 936-241-4664.



Grow in Small Groups

At FUMC, we pray that everyone grows in their relationship with Jesus Christ and develops a deeper understanding of God's word. If you are interested in finding out more about the Christian Faith, discipleship in the Wesleyan tradition, or membership at First UMC, please contact the pastor, Dr. Bob Shield at 936-639-3141 or email ckindred@lufkinfirst.com.



Gather in Worship

Upcoming Services

May 19 10am – Sanctuary – Pentecost (Wear Red!)

May 26 10am- Sanctuary

Church Office - The church office will be closed Monday, May 27, in honor of Memorial Day.

Vacation Bible School - VBS is June 10 - 14, from 8am until 12pm for children who have completed kindergarten through 5th grade. Please use the QR Code below to register. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Rachel Dale: childrens@lufkinfirst.com



Join Us In Prayer

Alta Ruthe Jack
Ann Stewart
Gene Stewart
Beth Jones
Bo Hoffman
David Bowers
Dawn Davis
Dot Brookshire
Eugenia Valez
Evie Lovell
Sherry McClung
Gwen Cunningham
Jim Kalhoefer
Liz Wilkie
Carolee Brink

Sandy McEntire
Seth M Wheeler
Sheridan Romack
Sherry Roper
Skye Wyckoff
Tammie Fleming
Tripp Friesen
Roy Knight
Kyle Miller
Virginia Campbell
Monika Vincent
Bob Adams
Rev. Clint Jordan
Katherine Saunders
Patsy Lawrence

Mack Carnes
Hannah Thompson
Keith Varga
Joan Martin
Brian Spore
Lori Quinn
Marcy Luzinski
Thalia Tierney
Johna Trahan
Michael Lee
Janet Squires
Andie Carrizales
R.H. Miller
Steve Homann
Marianela Homann

Bill Jacobs
Floyd Marsellos
Miranda Family
Gary Beth Baggett
Elizabeth
Witherspoon
Letha Solether
Janice Oreal

Our Military...
David Webb
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