

OCTOBER 2023

THE FOUNTAIN

NEWSLETTER



Worship Service: 9:00 am in Fountain of Life Center
Sunday School: 10:15 am

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Legacy!

The definition of legacy, that fits the context of New Fountain, is: the long lasting impact of particular events, actions, etc. that took place in the past, or of a person's life.

The church in New Fountain has had a major impact in so many ways. Think of all the events people have been impacted by in the last 165 years. All the time this church has been the place that people found Jesus, the weddings, the baptisms, confirmations, funerals, worship, and celebrations, and of course, family reunions. The civil war through disaffiliation all events in between, this church has been here. From singing under the oak tree, to worshiping in the Fountain of Life Center, people have come from all around to worship God. What a legacy left for us, as we go... into the future. If you take those years and add them to today, the people of this congregation will celebrate 324 years in the year 2188! What long lasting impact, for the Kingdom of God, will we leave for them?

It is October, Fall, Autumn. Leaves will change, the night air will cool, and decorations will direct our attention to the festivals of celebration. It is a fun time of year. Please remember as we go through all the changes, God's love NEVER changes. God loves you, all the time. We respond to God's love in several ways. As a member of the church, you promised to be loyal to this church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness! As we live out our faith, let us be reminded of that promise! This is our time, our way of responding, our way to add to the legacy of New Fountain.

I will see you in church!

A Note from Pastor

Celebrate Good Times, Come On!
New Fountain's 165th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 22, 2023

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Morning Schedule of Events

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Worship Service FOLC to include former Pastors

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Celebration Activities

*Tour church facilities, including playground

*Viewing of Historical Memorabilia Display/Commemorative items FOLC

*Viewing of 160th Celebration interviews in FOLC

**Cemetery headstone rubbings

**Bell Tower History Tour & Bell Ringing

**Parents, the Celebration Committee needs your help to ensure the safety of your children. We are asking anyone under the age of 17 to have a parent/guardian present to participate in crossing the highway, cemetery rubbings and bell tower tour. Bell tower tour will include history and bell ringing only.

11:00-11:45 a.m. Sing-Along in Sanctuary: Joyful Noise

12:00-1:00 p.m. FOLC BBQ Sausage Lunch w/delicious sides and desserts.

Program of church history and member recognition.

1:00-2:00 p.m. Fellowship, Historical Self Driving Tour of original locations of Muennink Cotton Gin, Original Parsonage, New Fountain School and Wiemer's Oak.

We are blessed to have Wayne Skipper as our Celebration Photographer. Please note that pictures taken during the Celebration may be used on the church's website, social media pages, newsletters, newspaper and/or bulletins. If you and/or your children would like to opt out of your picture being used, there will be a form for you to sign Sunday, October 22nd the day of the Celebration.

*Above is a picture of the commemorative ornament created by Laura Ward.

Hope to see you at our 165 th Anniversary Celebration! The Committee Members





NEW FOUNTAIN

Methodist Church

PRINTED PRECIOUS MEMORIES HISTORY BOOK: \$45
QUANTITY: _____

ADDENDUM TO HISTORY BOOK (2018-2023): \$10
QUANTITY: _____

CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT: \$20
QUANTITY: _____



YOU MAY PLEDGE A MONETARY GIFT IN HONOR/MEMORY OF
A LOVED ONE FOR A STRONGER FUTURE FOR NEW FOUNTAIN.

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF: _____

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NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____

TOTAL PAID: \$ _____ CHECK: _____ CASH: _____

PLEASE DROP THIS ORDER FORM IN OFFERING PLATE OR
RETURN TO CHURH OFFICE. THANK YOU.

October Communion Offering

Ray & Lidia Zirkle, Costa Rica Missionaries

In 1995, we were invited by Dr. Luis Palomo, Bishop, to minister with the Methodist Church in Costa Rica. Ray is an ordained elder in the Methodist Church and serves as a professor at the Evangelical Methodist Seminary. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Methodist High School and Elementary School; and he helps to plant and develop local congregations. Lidia is also an ordained elder in the Methodist Church and is the director of the Methodist Children's Home. We host approximately 30 short-term mission teams each year who work on a variety of church related ministries.

Ray is a native Texan. It was while he was attending Asbury Theological Seminary that he met Dr. Palomo and was invited to teach at the Methodist Seminary immediately following his graduation. Lidia is a native Alabamian. Lidia also graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary with a Master's of Divinity degree in 1994. We have two beautiful daughters, Sarah and Emma, both girls were born in Costa Rica and are students at Baylor University.

We would add a particular emphasis to the ongoing task of all Christians to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to proclaim Christ to all nations so that all may receive Him as their personal Lord and Savior.


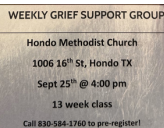


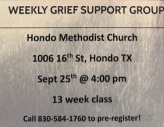

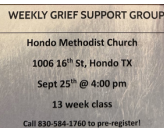

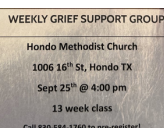

AUGUST FINANCIALS

Year-To-Date Financial Report			
Ending August 31, 2023			
2023 Approved Operating Budget		\$379,000	
Weekly Giving Goal		\$7,300	
General Operating		Building Fund	5,407.48
Income	251,441.89	Income	1,777.82
Expenditures	(224,326.32)	Expenditures	(50.00)
	27,115.57	Balance	7,135.30



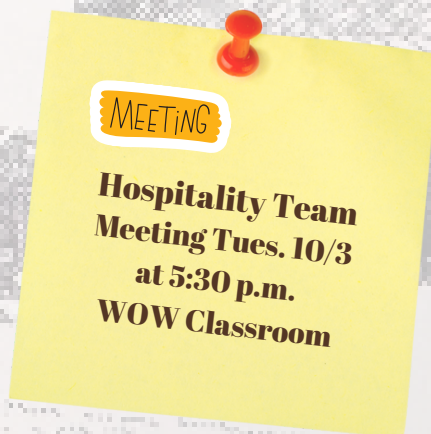
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Giving & Finances

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Freedom in Christ Study - WOW	2  WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Hondo Methodist Church 1006 16 th St, Hondo TX Sept 25 th @ 4:00 pm 13 week class Call 830-584-1760 to pre-register!	3 11:30am Seasoned Saints Luncheon - FOLC MEETING 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	4  5:30pm 'GATHER' 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	5 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	6	7 Jessica Enderlin's Wedding (FOLC)
8 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 11:00am Wiemers Family Reunion (FOLC) 5:00pm Freedom in Christ Study - WOW	9  WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Hondo Methodist Church 1006 16 th St, Hondo TX Sept 25 th @ 4:00 pm 13 week class Call 830-584-1760 to pre-register!	10 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	11 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	12 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	13	14 Quihi Lutheran Sausage Supper
15 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 12:00pm Muennink Family Reunion 5:00pm Freedom in Christ Study - WOW	16  WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Hondo Methodist Church 1006 16 th St, Hondo TX Sept 25 th @ 4:00 pm 13 week class Call 830-584-1760 to pre-register!	17 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	18  5:30pm 'GATHER' 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	19 165th Decoration Committee - FOLC 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	20 165th Decoration Committee - FOLC	21 165th Decoration Committee - FOLC 10:00am WOW Reserved
22 New Fountain 165th Celebration 9:00am Worship Service 10:15am Sunday School 5:00pm Freedom in Christ Study - WOW	23  WEEKLY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP Hondo Methodist Church 1006 16 th St, Hondo TX Sept 25 th @ 4:00 pm 13 week class Call 830-584-1760 to pre-register!	24 5:30pm Connected Practice (FOLC) 7:00pm Joyful Noise (FOLC)	25  6:00pm 'GATHER' at CORN MAIZE 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (Prayer Room)	26 6:30pm Handbell Rehearsal	27	28
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 Methodist Church
 OCTOBER 22 165th Celebration
 LOOKING TO THE PAST FOR A BETTER FUTURE TOGETHER.
 BEGINNING WITH 9:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
 Followed by food, fellowship, & activities
*Please note pictures taken during celebration may be used on church website, social media, newsletters, and other forms of communication. Please call the church office if you would like your family to be exempt from these forms of media. Thank you.



MEETING
 Hospitality Team Meeting
 Tues. 10/3 at 5:30 p.m.
 WOW Classroom




 10/25
GATHER
 at
 Corn Maize
 6:00 p.m.
POTLUCK

October Calendar

Birthdays

Margaret Oefinger – October 1
 Christopher Werner – October 1
 Michelle Duke – October 1
 Alexandra Brennan – October 4
 Trey Dickens - October 5
 Beckie Saathoff – October 6
 Peggie Wiemers – October 10
 Charles Rothe – October 10
 Alex Lowe - October 10
 Melody Joyner - October 11
 Teri Carnes – October 13
 Rylee Ohlhausen – October 14
 Kyleigh Cosgrove - October 14
 Rodney Heiligman – October 16
 Clayton Watts – October 18
 Samuel Evans – October 18
 Belinda Plata – October 18
 Holden Oefinger – October 18
 Michael Burnell – October 19
 Judy Baker – October 19
 Barbara Gilliam – October 19
 Jennifer Griffin – October 19
 Helen Muennink – October 22
 Scott Wolff – October 23
 Loal Beard – October 23
 Barbara Brice – October 24
 Ellen Stevens – October 24
 Tate Wooten - October 24
 Derek Duke – October 24
 Danny Brown - October 26
 Judy Weiblen - October 26
 Joe Williams - October 29
 Wade Muennink – October 30
 Annie Wiemers – October 31

**GOD
 BLESS
 YOU**

Anniversaries

Richard & Beckie Saathoff
 October 2nd

Cody & Lindsey Muennink
 October 3rd

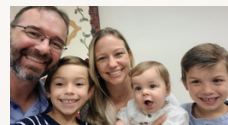
Jonathan & Lori Stein
 October 6th

Danny & Kathy Bermea
 October 10th

Joe & Eva Christopherson
 October 11th

Baptism

Koehler Rogiers



Memorials

Ruth Postel

Sandra Parker
 Barbara Price
 Pam Muennink
 Tony & Esther Johnson
 Alan & Karen Muennink
 Ellen Stevens
 Imogene Meyers
 Helen Boehme

Tom Price

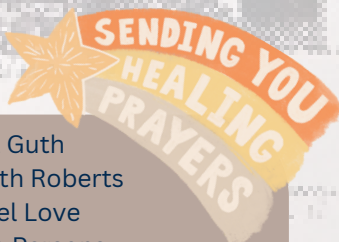
Bobby & Debby Cox

K. Tim Gunn
 Tim & Val Hardt
 Garrett & Abby Wilson
 Downtown Dental
 Alan & Karen Muennink
 Barbara Brice
 Imogene Meyers
 Cliff & Kim Reed
 Donnie McDonald
 Mark & Brenda Hiler
 Becky Miller
 Patsy Melton
 Susie Trollinger
 Charlie & Kathy Martin
 Gilliam Enterprise

Arlene Richardson

Goodhue Smith
 Imogene Meyers
 Alan & Karen Muennink
 Gaye Anne Peters

Prayers



- ♥ Vicky Phillips
- ♥ Judy Weiblen
- ♥ Kyle Berg
- ♥ Jason Boyce
- ♥ Mike McGuire
- ♥ Helen Muennink
- ♥ Laura Schrutka
- ♥ Joe M. Saenz, Jr.
- ♥ Stella Shultz
- ♥ Joe Nixon
- ♥ Kathryn Rowell
- ♥ Jane Schauer
- ♥ Sheryl Guth
- ♥ Kenneth Roberts
- ♥ Michael Love
- ♥ Denise Parsons
- ♥ Ora Lee Muennink
- ♥ Naomi Fredriksson
- ♥ Floyd Saathoff
- ♥ Peace in our nation
- ♥ People of Ukraine
- ♥ Reconciliation in families

Gather At The Fountain is in full swing! The youth are learning about people from the Bible who walked with God. They are making connections between those walks and their own walk with the Lord and becoming more aware of what it truly means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Youth Sunday will be taking place October 29th! The youth are working on what the sermon topic will be along with how they will be presenting to the congregation. We are very excited to see what our creative youth have in store for New Fountain!

We are bringing back the breakfast Taco!!! Sunday October 29th the youth will be having a Taco Sunday fundraiser event following Sunday Service.



2023 GATHER

WHAT THEN, BROTHERS? WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER, EACH ONE HAS A HYMN, A LESSON, A REVELATION, A TONGUE, OR AN INTERPRETATION, LET ALL THINGS BE DONE FOR BUILDING UP. 1 CORINTHIANS 14:26



We have a place for you.

Sept. 6 KICK OFF 'GATHER'

Sept. 13 - Canceled

HISD 'Meet The Owls'
Support our Owls, Barry Field 6:45 p.m.

Sept. 20

Sept. 27

Oct. 4

Oct. 11 - Canceled

HISD Homecoming Parade & Pep Rally
Support our Owls, 27th Street Parade 6:00 p.m.

Oct. 18

Oct. 25 - Potluck at ZA Corn Maize

Nov. 1

Nov. 8

Nov. 15

Nov. 22 - Break for Thanksgiving

Nov. 29

Dec. 6

Dec. 13- Jan. 3 - Break for Christmas

SEPTEMBER

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WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP

5:15 - 6:15 p.m.

YOUNG FAMILY BREAK OUT GROUPS

Children's Bible Study (PreK - 5th) - Youth Building,
Parenting Bible Study - FOLC Hallway (Nursery Available)

6:15 - 6:30 p.m.

WORSHIP TOGETHER - FOLC

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

DINNER TOGETHER - FOLC

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

BREAK OUT GROUPS:

Prayer Team - Prayer Room FOLC

Youth Bible Study (6th - 12th grade) - Sanctuary

Fellowship/Small Groups - FOLC

Sign up for desserts on Wednesdays



If you feel called to be on a cook team, help with a bible study, or participate in worship, please reach out to Kristin at 830-426-6761.

A Note from Kristin



NEXT LUNCHEON



Tuesday, Oct. 3rd
at 11:30 a.m. FOLC

