



Worship Info

Sunday Services

Morning:

8:30 am - Sanctuary
Blend of Contemporary and Traditional Worship Styles

9:40 am - Family Life Center

Contemporary Worship Style
CrossRoads AM

11:00 am - Sanctuary

Traditional Worship Style

Evening:

CrossRoads PM is on summer hiatus and will resume in August.

Holy Communion

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is commonly observed at all services on the first Sunday of the month.

Altar Flower Dedications

You may provide flowers in memory or in honor of a special person or celebration. See the Witness section of the website for more information about how to reserve a date.

More Information

Worship information is subject to change. Please check the First Church UMPortal at www.fumc-rr.org/portal for the most up-to-date information.

You may also sign up for Twitter at www.twitter.com and follow FirstChurchRR for announcements sent directly to your mobile phone or your Twitter account.

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Council Oak Tree

A little bit of history and folklore

We talk a lot about the Council Oak tree around here. Just what is it that makes it so special?

- Arborists tell us it is between 650 and 700 years old.
- It is called Council Oak because it was a gathering place for Indian councils.
- The main tribe in the area was the Tonkawa.
- It uses 1500 - 1800 gallons of water per day. Fortunately the roots go deep underground to tap into water sources.



- It is approximately 15 degrees cooler under the Council Oak tree than it is in the sun.

One of God's blessings

On September 30, 1984, an open air service was held under the Council Oak Tree on the new church site. This was the first worship service on this property prior to construction of the Family Center. Since then we have had several weddings and even one funeral under the Council Oak.

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Ministry Midway!

Step right up to all that First Church offers you

Sundays, August 2 and 9
9:30 - 11:30 am

There will be a carnival atmosphere at First Church on Sundays, August 2 and 9. The Ministry Midway will beckon you to come and explore the many ministry opportunities for you at First Church.

A variety of groups including Sunday school classes, Bible studies, women's and men's ministries, youth and children's ministries, choirs, handbells, MOM, fellowship groups and more. Plus, you

can learn more about the diverse mission and outreach programs in which you can be involved.

Did you know?

We have quilters, crafters, bridge clubs, greeters, ushers, prison ministries, prayer ministries, Walk to Emmaus, family camps, disaster relief; financial planning, landscapers...the list goes on. If you can't find a ministry area that is right for you, you're just not looking! *Come before or after your worship service and explore the opportunities at Ministry Midway.*

What is UMCOR?

United Methodist Committee on Relief

We hear about UMCOR now and then...mainly after a hurricane or tornado. UMCOR deals with the aftermath and destruction. **How does that affect us?**

Join us on August 23

Jennifer Bellamy, Director of Humanitarian Services of the Central Texas Conference UMC will be here to present the amazing mission and scope of UMCOR.

- When: Sunday, August 23 at 1 pm
- Where: Bldg 5-127
- Why: To learn how and why you and I can become involved.

So grab a quick lunch after church and come back for this presentation. You'll be glad you did!

Sanibonani!

Greetings from Chris McLain, Missionary to Swaziland

Sanibonani! I greet you all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, Amen.

It's hard to believe that I have been in Swaziland for two years. Although there have been a lot of challenges it has been an awesome yet humbling experience. I thought I was coming to touch one heart at a time, one child at a time, which I have, but it hasn't been in the way I thought it would be. I thought I would be rocking babies in an orphanage somewhere in the bush. In reality I've done everything from praying over children that live in unbelievable conditions to discussing architectural plans for toilets with the Ministry of Public Works.

Building lives by building a school

The biggest achievement this year has been the progress at Lomngeletjane Methodist School. A four-classroom building was dedicated last November. Since then, a combination office and storage building has been finished, two new latrines have been built and the teacher's house is about 1/3 of the way finished. Wind break trees have been planted and the school has been registered by the Government which means we now have a wonderful head teacher and three teachers for the 100 children in grades 1 - 3.

I must admit there were many times over this past year that I didn't think we would ever get this far, but through prayer, perseverance and the generosity of people like you we have made tremendous progress. Children who had to walk

a very long way or weren't able to attend school because of the distance are now in school. This school has changed the face of the countryside. As you drive up to this community, you can see the school standing out on the hillside... the sign of progress, love and a lot of dedication by all of those who have been a part of this project.

The Methodist Church cares

I've been told more than once by community members that the school is proof that the Methodist Church cares for the people and especially the little children.

This summer we had two UMVIM teams from Louisiana and Tennessee come to work at Lomngeletjane. One team painted the latrines and repainted the window and door frames in the classrooms, helped to dig the foundation for the teacher's house using a pick and shovels and did various art projects with the children. Several of the women of the team also sat with the women on the ground shelling the maize that had been harvested from the school's first crop of maize.

The second team poured the cement for the foundation, leveled the ground around the latrines, planted 70 wind break trees and also did art projects with the children.

Both teams were amazing and it was so touching to see relationships form between the team members and the parents that came out to work side by side with them. The children blossomed with all of the love they received.

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Sometimes kids make the best theologians. I think it has something to do with the uncomplicated manner in which they see the world. And they tend to do their theology in the most unusual of places.

This time it happened at a Round Rock Express game. Melissa and I took the kids out to Dell Diamond on a Friday evening for the game and the fireworks afterward. We watched the game for a few innings, and then the kids wanted to head out to the kid's zone out in center field. Our younger two children did the rock-climbing wall, then decided they wanted to do the bungee jump. The bungee jump consists of a set of bungee cords that are attached to either side of a harness that the kids wear. They get hooked up, and then jump on a trampoline while the ends of the cords are sent up a pair of tall poles. As the kids jump, the cords stretch as they come down on the trampoline, then act like rubber bands, snapping them back up, higher and higher each time.

That's where the young man running the attraction comes in. From time to time – if the child wants to go “*really high*,” – the young man will grab the harness and pull it way down, snapping the child all the way to the tops of the poles. Judging from the look on some of their faces, I suspect their stomachs stay down on the trampoline.

Well, the line was long. And so for about a half-hour we stood, watching some of the other children and their reactions. Some liked it. Others clearly did not. Some figured out how to do a mid-air somersault; others simply hung on for dear life. **And then there was the really little boy.**

He wasn't much more than a toddler, really – maybe four years old. He had a look about him, like he was no stranger to mischief and adventure. And he had stood in line as older kids towered over him, so that I never even saw him until he mounted the steps of the trampoline.

The young man fastened the bungee cords to the harness and instructed the little boy to start jumping. He barely dented the trampoline as he began jumping in earnest. And as the ends of the bungee cords rose, his weight barely stretched the cords. That's when the young man asked the question.

“Do you want to go *really high*?”

The little boy nodded, and the worker stretched the cords and let go. The little boy sailed upward about 20 feet before starting back down, and the squeal started at the top of the arc. The smile on his face went from ear to ear. His little legs stiffened, and his fingers spread. And every time the young man would send him upward again, the little boy's body would convulse with laughter.

“That,” Melissa commented next to me, “is *absolute joy*.”

We talk a lot about joy in church. We throw the word around casually. *The joy of the Lord is our strength. Make a joyful noise. Come before God with joy.* And that night, I realized just how casually we use it. Because real joy is what we saw in that little boy as he bounced at the end of two big rubber bands. It's something quite involuntary. It's something that is overwhelming. And it is something that happens only after you have totally surrendered to the experience.

That little boy knew what joy was. And the funny thing is, it was contagious. Before he was finished, every adult who stood around that trampoline had a smile on their face as they shared the experience with him. Every one of us found ourselves hanging with him at the end of those rubber bands, the wind whipping our hair as our stomachs stayed below. And every one of us walked away longing for that which could touch someone so deeply.

Just a kid being a kid?

Perhaps. But to this preacher, it felt a lot like religion to me.

Congregational Care

Stephen Ministry

Answering God's call

Step right up to the Stephen Ministry table at the Ministry Midway on August 2 and 9.

Next, come to our Stephen Ministry Sneak Preview to get more details and ask all those questions you may have.

Sneak Preview: August 16

On Sunday, August 16, at 9:40 am in the Prayer Room (Room 3) of Payne Cottage, Stephen Leaders will be having the last of a series of Sneak Previews. This is a perfect opportunity to learn what it is, its history, how it can help you, how you can become a part of it. There will be applications available for the new Training Class which begins September 15. Come learn more about something God may be calling you to do.

For more information, visit www.fumc-rr.org/stephen or call the church office at 255-3336.

Youth Ministries

Look what's coming up for youth!

It has already been a busy summer, but there is still more to come.

August 2 - Youth Sunday

Join us as our youth assist in leading worship in all three services.

August 5

- What: Schlitterbahn!
- Time: 7 am - 8:30 pm
- Cost: \$35

August 10

- What: Meet Me @ the Movie Monday. Movie TBA
- Where: Cinemark at the Outlet Mall
- Time: 2 pm

August 21 - 22

- What: Garage Sale
- Where: Family Life Center

Middle School Mission Trip

As we go to press 70 of our middle school youth and adults are hard at work in Mansfield, TX. Here's a brief report from Karah Ricketts. *The kids have worked very hard so far! Porches torn down are now rebuilt! House stripped of paint is now painted! The rain has been here each day in the morning and kept the temps from rising too high! God is so gracious!*



Adult Ministries and Events



Charting our Future

What is your vision for the future for women's ministries?

Sarah did it. Ruth did it. Mary & Martha did it. Mary Magdalene did it. Lydia did it, too. What did they do?

Each of these dynamic women made significant contributions to our Christian beliefs and heritage. Each one proved we can make a difference – individually and collectively – for sharing, caring, changing and charting a course of God's everlasting love.

We, the women of First Church in Round Rock, can chart a course sharing God's everlasting love too!

Let's unite, share our passions, share our dreams and chart a new direction for our contributions, so that others can experience God's everlasting love through us, just like our Christian biblical women examples.

We need your ideas!

- When: Sunday, August 16, 2 - 5 pm
- Where: Building 5-232
- Why: Develop our new compass and re-energize our efforts together!



Man Alive! is Back in September

Fall theme is Every Man: A Leader

A new eight week semester of Man Alive begins September 30. Twice each year, during the fall and winter we offer this exciting men's ministry.

What does success look like?

Man Alive! is a weekly men's gathering for those men seeking what it means to truly succeed as men in life.

This is not a Bible Study or an accountability group. It is not a time for *mature* Christians to gather and share deep ideas of faith. **Man Alive!** is an opportunity for men to get together to focus on men's issues of life in practical ways that appeal to men.



The fall semester begins on Wednesday, September 30 and will finish up on Wednesday, November 18. The focus for this semester will be: **Every Man: A Leader**, and will address the different styles of leadership we all have and how we are all called to use them in our daily lives.

Join us for breakfast and good conversation

Each meeting will begin with a breakfast buffet at 5:30 am. This will be followed, at 6 am, by a presentation on some aspect of how each of us has been created to lead. The presentations will normally be given by the Reverend John Aymond, though there may be an occasional guest speaker.

After the morning talk there will be an opportunity for a short discussion time around each of the tables to expand on the issues covered. This will be a warm, friendly, and motivational environment that is not

intended to put anyone on the spot. Each week the session will be completed by 7 am.

It's early but it's worth it!

Make plans to be there on Wednesday, September 30, as we begin our exploration of **Every Man: A Leader**. Bring a friend!

Common Abbreviations

Whether you are new to the First United Methodist Church (First Church) family or have been around for years, there are some abbreviations with which you may need help. Here is a list of some of our most common abbreviations.

- CC.....Church Council (Administrative Board)
- COB..... Council Oak Bells
- CUB.....Church Under the Bridge
- FLC.....Family Life Center (Building 3)
- FUMC.....First United Methodist Church
- TBD.....To Be Determined
- UMM.....United Methodist Men
- UMW.....United Methodist Women
- WOF.....Walk of Faith (Elementary Sunday School)

Coming soon to First Church. Watch for details!



Worship and Worship Arts

Ensemble Ringing Brings Challenge, Fun and Friendship

Ringers explore new and challenging techniques

This summer, five members of the 5-octave, 13-member Jubilation handbell team decided they wanted to ring a little more once the regular worship arts season concluded. So they gathered with Director of Handbell Ministry, Carla David, to work on small ensemble music. "There were actually more than these five ringers who wanted to continue ringing during the summer months," explains Ms. David. "But the reality is that summer is tough in terms of coordinating everyone's schedule for rehearsing together. With bell ringing – especially small ensemble ringing – it is imperative that each person be present for each and every rehearsal. I was glad it worked out for these five to get a taste of what this type of ringing requires! I decided to give them some "five by five" to prepare. It was great fun!"

Five by Five ensemble

"Five by Five" is ensemble music for five which is scored for 3 octaves of handbells. Three octave music is normally rung by 11 ringers, meaning the five by five ensemble musician is required to play and share many more bells than what is usual. And this music is usually performed without a director, meaning the musicians memorize



much of the score and that they direct and cue themselves.

The group of five rehearsed six times and then performed two selections in Sanctuary services on Sunday, July 12. Thank you, ladies. Congratulations on a job well done!

Some words from the ringers themselves . . .

Nancy Maschal

"Participating in this ensemble was lots of fun. It was different & certainly challenging, but I found that it really added to my joy as a ringer."

Karah Ricketts

"Ringing five by five was definitely out of my comfort zone. But I enjoyed it a LOT and think that the challenge made me grow as a ringer. And I got to play those little tiny bells! How awesome is that? (Karah is a confirmed low bass bell ringer.)"

Mendy Barnett

"I am fairly new to ringing. Succeeding with five by five – especially performing it WITHOUT a director – boosted my confidence. I think I proved to myself that I could actually do something I may have thought was impossible only a few months ago. And we really clicked. There's something about working in a small group that creates a special intimacy – a true bonding."

Ann Morrison

"I enjoyed having the chance to learn something new. I felt like I was much more physically involved

because I was moving back and forth a lot on the table while sharing bells. Having to listen and cue so carefully (with no director) made the experience even more personal."



Brandy Carpenter

"I loved the challenge of this ensemble experience. It was very different, but fulfilling. Handbell ringing is a rewarding experience in itself. It's a chance to fellowship and be with others while creating beautiful music. And ringing provides a great sense of accomplishment."

Want to learn more?

The First Church Handbell Ministry is open to all – from 3rd graders to adults. If you are interested in finding out more about this ministry, simply visit our website at <http://fumc-rr.org/handbells> or email us at handbells@fumc-rr.org.

Music Start-ups for August!

There is a place for you in First Church choirs and orchestra.

Adult Choirs

- HeartSong (choir for 8:30 worship service) - Wednesday, Aug. 5, 5:45 p.m. - South Suite Choir Room
- Chancel Choir (choir for 11:00 worship service) - Wednesday, Aug. 5, 7:00 p.m. - South Suite Choir Room

Orchestra

- Orchestra - Tuesday, Aug. 11, 8:00 p.m. - Sanctuary

Children's Choirs

Children's Choirs for this fall will be having their first registration opportunity during the Ministry Fairs on August 2 and 9. There is a choir for every child in Kinder through 5th grade.

The Children's Choirs rehearse on Sunday afternoon and

are under the direction of Angie Smith. They sing for several worship services throughout the year and present a full musical in the spring. It is a wonderful place for children to sing, to learn about God through music, and to enjoy making new friends at First Church.

Please contact Dr. Linda Bolding at 255-3336 or linda@fumc-rr.org for more information.



Youth Choir Director Opportunity

Would you enjoy working with or directing a youth choir or a youth music/drama team?

There is a wonderful opportunity waiting for you in our Choral Ministries area. If you are interested in this position, please contact Dr. Linda Bolding at 255-3336 or linda@fumc-rr.org. **Share your gift of music with our young singers!**

Children's Ministries

Christmas in July? Not Exactly. Try August!

It's time to plan for Walk through Bethlehem

It is time to start planning for our whole-church event— **Walk through Bethlehem!**

The date is set for Saturday, December 12. The planning starts on Monday, August 17, at 7 pm in Building 5-127.

It's a BIG deal!

This is a great event that we open to all our members, visitors and the Round Rock community. It is a BIG deal and we

need lots of volunteers to help in production, costumes, props & sets, food, and all the other areas that make this such a wonderful gift to share.



We need you!

Join us for a premier planning meeting on Monday, August 17 at 7 pm in Building 5-127.

December 12 will be here before you know it!

Crocodile Dock VBS 2009

Faith, fun and friendship

Besides just having a fun week learning about God, each VBS week focused on mission outreach, allowing the children to learn the importance of serving others.

We fed 12 families!

Enough food was donated to the Round Rock Area Serving Center to feed 12 families of four for two months!



Volunteers were awesome!

Crocodile Dock VBS boasted 267 adult and youth volunteers for the two weeks and nearly 600 children in attendance.

Thank you to everyone who made VBS 2009 an experience to share God's light and love in our world!

The mission projects that Day Camp 5th graders made included:

- Blankets for Cancer Connections;
- Mosaic Cross Photos for Stephen ministries;
- Homemade dog biscuits for WCHS;
- Cooling neckbands for Middle School Mission Trip & AIM,
- Toiletry Kits for residents at the Texas Baptist Children's Home.

Great job Day Campers!

Comfort Critters, too!

The elementary and preschool children made stuffed fabric turtle



Submissions & Deadline Information

The Messenger is mailed to all households on the church mailing list approximately once per month. Copies are also available in the office and worship spaces. Contact the church office if you want to have your name added to the mailing list.

The deadline for the September 4 issue is August 24. E-mail articles to newsletter@fumc-rr.org or provide a hard copy to Betty Robertson in the church office. Submissions may be edited for content or space, but should be provided in a ready-to-publish format. See www.fumc-rr.org/newsletter for details about format and digital graphic/photo requirements. Contact Betty Robertson with questions or for assistance preparing your item for the newsletter.

Money Matters

Momentum...keep it going!

News and Notes from the Finance Committee

Momentum is a funny thing...it is hard to get started, but once started, hard to stop.

First Church families have donated \$1,050,167 through May of 2009, bucking a struggling economy and reduced charitable giving nationwide. That is momentum... **Thank you!**

Summertime brings with it travel, heat, vacations, heat, outdoor fun, heat...well, you get my drift. June giving was down significantly.

Summertime, historically, brings a downward trend in giving despite rising operational costs associated with higher maintenance costs at First Church. There are many ways to continue your giving despite your travel plans. Besides cash and checks, we accept ACH/EFT through your credit card, savings or checking account. You can set up your online banking account to send in your contribution on the specific dates you select (*make sure the address you send it to is P.O. Box 1448, Round Rock, TX 78680-1448*).

You might also consult with your tax advisor, financial planner, or brokerage account manager about the benefits of setting up a charitable foundation through your brokerage account or starting qualified charitable distributions through your IRA. However you choose to give, don't forget First Church this summer...let's keep up the momentum we had going through May!

Did you know?

The finance committee maintains a bulletin board just past the front office on the north wall where a wealth of current information about our church's budget, debt reduction status and financial status can be found.

Want to know more?

If you have ideas for the bulletin board or information that you would like to see posted, please contact Keitha Wilson at kwilson@austin.rr.com.

More About the Council Oak

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We have also had outdoor worship services (remember the Brush Arbor days?) and seated overflow crowds at Easter under the tree. And the church cat, aptly named Holy Smoke, is buried under the Council Oak.

In 1999 a large limb broke off the tree. Wood from that limb was used to build the altar table, pulpit and baptismal font in the new sanctuary by some of our very

talented woodworkers, Ed Roberts, John Thompson and Bob Corey.

Help us preserve our priceless trees

Please don't let your children climb on any of the **senior citizen oaks** on our property. They are very tempting, but the safety of the children and protection of the trees are most important. **Thanks!**



Mission and Outreach

Report from Swaziland

Learn more on Chris' blog at chrisinswaziland.blogspot.com.

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When the New Orleans team was here, one of the parents that came to work with our team had twin girls about 8 months old. Then just two weeks later when the Nashville team came, one of our activities was to visit 5 homesteads. There was much discussion over which homesteads should be visited. Two women had picked the five homesteads and of course those who didn't participate in that discussion thought different homesteads should be picked. It was one of the few times that I spoke out firmly and said the homesteads that were originally picked were the ones we would visit.

The story of Tiphellele

I had no idea at the time what God had planned for one of those visits. One of the homesteads was where the twins live. One of the adult members came up to me and said that one of the twins was very ill. So I talked with one of the church members regarding the situation and asked if she would go with me to the baby's homestead. The baby was very congested and weak. After talking to the mother about Tiphellele's condition and telling her that I would pay the doctor's fee which amounted to about \$5.00, I took the baby and her mother to the hospital in Manzini. The baby was hospitalized for 9 days. The hospital didn't have the preferred antibiotic, so the doctor suggested I go to the pharmacies in Manzini to buy it and bring it back to the hospital, which I did. I made it clear to the doctor and Tiphellele's mom that I would pay for whatever they needed to help Tiphellele get well. The medication for the entire 9 days cost approximately \$30.00. The baby is at home now, gaining weight and doing much better.

My spiritual and financial responsibility didn't stop when Tiphellele came home from the hospital. I knew that if I stepped forward to help this child I would become responsible to see that these children grow physically and in their knowledge and faith in the Lord. I praise God that he brought the teams here when he did so I would know about these children and get Tiphellele to the hospital in time. The doctor told me he didn't think she would have survived if we hadn't brought her in when we did. *God's timing was perfect as always.*

One heart at a time, one child at a time

That is what I heard the Lord whisper in my ear before I came to Swaziland. I still hear that whisper and I've learned that sometimes the one heart might be a Manyano

woman, a gogo (grandmother), a mother or it might be my heart. And the one child at a time is the child the Lord puts on my heart to help. There are thousands of needy families and children in Swaziland. At times it is overwhelming because I don't know where to start and I know that I can't help them all. But as I look back over the past two years I realize I have been so blessed to be the catalyst to bring hope and the love of Jesus Christ to many children one at a time. I go to the schools and see the smiles on some of the children that were so ill when I first met them. They now run up to me and let me hug them, I know how blessed I am to be here and I realize that one person can make a difference with the Lord's help.

Just call me Nothando

A few months ago my dear Swazi sisters that I laugh, cry, work and pray with, told me that I needed a Swazi name. To receive a Swazi name is an honor and a sign of true acceptance. They named me Nothando Dlamini and said I was no longer Christine. Nothando means love. Dlamini is the last name of the King of Swaziland.

Thank you for your prayers, cards, emails and support. They always come when I need them the most. I am looking ahead to next year, praying that funding will come to finish the teacher's house at Lomngeletjane and build one more building so they will have a complete school. And I also pray for funding so that I can continue to help one child at a time. We don't know what God's plans are for these children we help one by one. They just may grow up to be doctors, nurses, teachers, Prime Ministers or maybe even Reverends.

To donate to **One Heart at a Time, One Child at a Time** you can send a check to FUMC-RR, PO Box 1448, Round Rock, TX 78680. Please put One Heart at a Time or Swaziland in the memo section of the check. If you would like your donation to go to a specific project, please include a note stating what specifically you would like the donation to go to.

Read updates in my blog at chrisinswaziland.blogspot.com.

You can also e-mail me at chrisinswaziland@gmail.com or find me on Facebook. I will be coming back to Round Rock on December 3 for the Christmas holidays. If you would like me to come to your Sunday school class or small group, please let me know.

Salakahle and Nkulunkulu akubusise! (*Stay well and God bless you*).

Nothando (Chris McLain)

August

- 2 Youth Sunday, all three worship services
- 2, 9 Ministry Midway, 9:30 - 11:30 am
- 5 Youth Schlitterbahn Trip
- 11 Nurture Leadership Team, 7 pm, Bldg. 5-124
- 15 Bridge Club, 7:30 pm, 5-127
- 16 Disciple Information Meeting, 9:40 am, 5-122
- 16 Invitation to Stephen Ministry, 9:40 am, Payne Cottage
- 16 Becoming Married series begins, 11 am, 5-122
- 17 Walk though Bethlehem Planning Meeting, 7 pm, 5-128
- 18 Communications Leadership Team, 7 pm, Bldg. 5-119
- 21-22 Youth Garage Sale
- 23 All Youth Parent Meeting, 11 am, 5-232
- 23 Conference Mission Leadership Training, 2 pm, 5-127
- 27 Witness Leadership Team, 7 pm, 5-136
- 31 Andrew Ministry Q&A, 6:30 pm, 5-127



September

- 7 Labor Day, Church office will be closed

First Church exists to share the love of God in Jesus Christ.

Events listed above are open to anyone in the congregation.

Regularly occurring weekly and monthly small groups such as UMM, Crafters, and UMW Circles, etc. can be found on the website.

All event information is subject to change. Check the website (www.fumc-rr.org) for the most up-to-date information.

A key to abbreviations may be found on page 4.



First Church is a Stephen Ministry congregation.
Learn more at www.fumc-rr.org/stephen.

Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for, encourage you, pray with and for you, and help you through a difficult time. To find out more, contact Robin Alkek at 310-2787 or call the church office at 255-3336.