

FROM THE PASTOR

The Summer months are upon us. This is a time when resources dwindle, and individual participation fluctuates weekly. Many have noted that presenting two separate Worship events at currently acceptable standards will be problematic during the summer months. Suggestions have come forward that it may be easier to combine resources for a time. I personally will not be present for worship on June 15, 22 & 29. Arrangements will be made for someone to fill the pulpit during my absence due to a family vacation.

The Worship Committee and Church Staff have had many conversations around maintaining a consistent quality for Sunday worship at a reasonable time for all involved. Without exception, a recommendation has come forward to offer summer hours during the months of June and July, with a return to our current offerings in August.

The Worship Committee and the Church Staff have thereby recommended we offer Sunday School at 9 am and a single combined Worship service at 10 am during June and July of 2025 and as Senior Pastor I concur with their decision. We will return to two services on August 3 and are planning a "Back to Church" Sunday on August 10 before Azle ISD classes begin on August 13.

We thank you in advance for your support of our Worship Team and Staff.

In His Service,



The Reverend Raymond C. Gilman



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

**THE ORCHARD EVENT VENUE
1421 NORTHWEST PKWY, AZLE**

free

Lunch is provided. • All are welcome.

An Azle Area Ministerial Alliance Event

Summer Worship Schedule

**9:00am Sunday School
for all ages**

10:00am Worship Service

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<https://www.youtube.com/@FirstMethodistChurchofAzle>. There is a link from our website, or you can search YouTube as well – be sure to pick the "First Methodist Church of Azle" channel with our NEW BLUE LOGO and not the old one with the UMC cross and flame.



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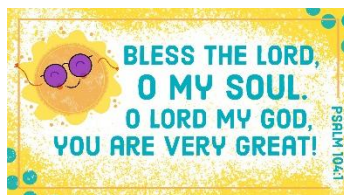
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Women's Retreat



Women's Retreat
God Has a Plan
May 16-17
Friday 7-9pm
Saturday 10a -2p
One Azle Building
Admission: \$20 WalMart gift card
to benefit Good N.E.W.S.
The Details:
Keynote Speaker: Brandi Tyler
is a licensed professional counselor, family mediator, and certified parent facilitator for high-conflict custody cases. She is a Christian who is passionate about helping people heal & live the life they were meant to live.
Worship Leader/Speaker: Holly Davis
Also speaking: Carol Elkins, Deanna Keen, BJ Collins
Lunch Provided
RSVP to BJ Collins



SENIOR ACTIVE CHRISTIANS



FAMILY MINISTRIES

Children

The Children had an amazing Palm Sunday Experience, and then they had their annual Easter Sand Art on the Wednesday before Easter. See a collage of their beautiful artwork later in this Newsletter!

Adults, please attend our **Spring Musical** on Wednesday, May 21, immediately following Wednesday Night Dinner and support our Children!

Our **FMC CHILDREN'S MUSIC ACADEMY** will be May 27-28.

We are attending **SABINE CREEK SUMMER CAMP!** June 9-12 for 4th grade to 8th grade! Currently, there are six children signed up for this opportunity.

EGYPT VBS will be July 20-23. Please reach out to Marsha Ingle to secure your **VOLUNTEER SPOT!!**

ONLINE Giving Tip

E-Checks
(online **BANK ACCOUNT** transactions)
Have the **LOWEST** fees...

Reduces FEE\$



Our purpose as the First Methodist Church of Azle is to know Jesus, to grow in His love, to serve one another, and to share the gospel.

Youth



THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT at our Annual Fundraiser! Your donations will allow us to fund the Senior High Mission Trip to Eureka Springs, AR in July. In addition, some of our Junior High Youth will attend the preteen camp with the older children at Sabine Creek Ranch in June.

Senior Sunday is May 4, when we will celebrate our high school grads Katie Gilman and Hanna Goodrich with a reception during the Sunday School hour.

The NOW Youth will be taking a Mystery Trip to places unknown the last weekend in May under the direction of Bryson Ingle.

We are redecorating the Youth Room. If anyone has gently used couches to donate, please contact Bryson Ingle or Kim Cox.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP



We invite each and every one of you to join us for **Summer Music!**

We invite:

- **SINGERS**
- **INSTRUMENTALISTS**
- **HELPERS** for our *Children's Music Academy* May 27-28.
- **VOLUNTEERS** for *VBS Music*. We invite ALL AGES!

Please consider joining us this summer; it will bless you as it blesses your church.

SERVING MINISTRIES

We have almost finished cleaning up the Community Garden. Our goal is to be finished by the first of May. After the closing of the garden, the Church will dissolve all responsibility for the garden, and the electrical service will be taken out of the church's name.

On Friday, April 11, there were 5 volunteers who helped remove several dead trees from the property, also trimming trees and shrubs along the fence line. We served lunch to 35 volunteers who worked at this home. On Saturday, April 12, we had 8 volunteers help build a ramp for a 74-year-old veteran who could no longer manage the stairs that led to his home. We served lunch to 18 volunteers.





Our 40 days / 40 items Lenten Challenge was a great success. We took 660 pounds of food to the Azle Community Caring Center. Half of my car was filled with items for Good N.E.W.S., and the back of another car was filled with items for the Pregnancy Center. Each of these organizations was excited and thankful for the amounts that were given.



Deanna Keen
Chairperson of Serving Ministries
Serving God by Serving Others

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER MENU

May 7

Lasagna
Seasoned Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Garlic Bread
Dessert

May 14

Oven-Baked Chicken
Seasoned Green Beans
Tossed Salad
Rolls
Dessert

May 21 **RAFFLE DRAWING TONIGHT!**

Sandwich Bar
Homemade Tomato Basil Soup
Chicken Noodle Soup
Dessert



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

The listed anniversaries are taken from the information in Realm. If your information needs to be updated, please contact Pat Noe at pnoe@fmcazle.org.

Rich & Wendi Noe 5/1 (15 years)
John & Kim Cox 5/5 (19 years)
Billy & Wanda Suddeath 5/10 (57 years)
Terry & Susie Vogel 5/16 (20 years)
Mike & Jana Coker 5/26 (41 years)
Art & Judy Sheridan 5/28 (47 years)
Ryan & April Grosser 5/28 (19 years)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

If you know of someone not listed, please send an email to pnoe@fmcazle.org.

Victoria Kost 1; Bob Templeton 3; Dean Smith 4; Boyd Weaver 7; Herm Backhaus 8; Antone Ritter 9; Chris Hodges 10; Art Sheridan 10; Sharon McDaniel 12; Carol Rickert 13; Cheryl Abbott 16; Sayer Carney 16; Ben Davis 16; Marietta Weaver 18; LeRae Burton 20; Barbara Cox 20; Brett Laaser 20; Shea Carney 22; Josh Burton 24; Candy Siedell 24

MARCH FINANCIALS

March Budget	\$ 65,163
March Income	\$ 55,551
March Expenses	\$ 54,010
YTD Budget	\$195,490
YTD Income	\$147,778
YTD Expenses	\$164,794



Spend time with God this summer



OUR GRADUATING SENIORS

Katherine Elizabeth Gilman

Azle High School Class of 2025

Parents: Ray & Andrea Gilman

Awards & Scholarships:

UTA Maverick Academic Scholarship

SERV Safe food handler & food protection manager certified

Microsoft Word & PowerPoint certified

Florist certified

Favorite High School Class: Floral Design

Favorite Senior Memory: Sleepovers with my friends.

Summer Plans: Go to Disney, and I have a friend from NY coming down to see a concert with me.

Future Plans: Graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, leave Texas, and own my own business.

Prayer Request: *Pray that I don't hate my school when I get there and feel stuck.*



Hanna Goodrich

Azle High School Class of 2025

Parents: Michael & Sabine Goodrich

Grandparents: Ricky & Sherry Goodrich

Great-Grandparents: Glenda & Vernon Goodrich

Awards and Scholarships:

Academic Scholarship at ACU

Legacy Award

JV Cheerleader of the Year

Best Sports Story in Newspaper

Favorite High School Class: PALS. For the last two years I have had the privilege of going to the elementary and secondary schools to play for 45 minutes a day with a child in need. This program is such an incredible opportunity not only for the younger kids, but for the older kids as well.

Favorite Senior Memory: Competing for the last time ever with my best friends in Dallas was an amazing moment for me, experiencing the last time we will all be on mat together and my last 7 years of hard work coming to an end was such a bittersweet moment.

High School Activities:

Varsity Cheer Captain... Student Council... Yearbook...

PALS... National Honor Society (NHS)... Editor for the

School Newspaper... Theatre... Athletic Training... Shift

Lead at HTeaO Lake Worth for 2 years

Summer Plans: Work a lot to save money for college.

Future Plans: Attend Abilene Christian University in the fall to receive my Masters in Kinesiology and further my education to become a Chiropractor.

Prayer Request: *Please pray that the Lord directs me in the best path that glorifies Him.*



MAY 4, 2025



Home of the free, because of the brave.



MEMORIAL DAY
MAY 26, 2025



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May 2025

Events and Activities

Day	Date	Time	Event
Sat	3-May	9:00am	ILI Participant Coffee with Pastor Ray (HUB)
Sun	4-May	4:00pm	Confirmation Class (111)
Mon	5-May	6:30pm	Trustee Council (113)
Wed	7-May	4:30pm	Prayer Shawl (Parlor)
Fri	9-May	9:30am	SAC to Clark Gardens - Join us; third try's the charm!!
Sun	11-May		☼☼Mother's Day☼☼ No evening activities.
Fri	16-May	7:00pm	Women's Retreat (One Azle) - RSVP to BJ!
Sat	17-May	10:00am	Women's Retreat (One Azle) - RSVP to BJ!
Sun	18-May	11:00am	Adult Small Group Council (113)
		2:00pm	Azle HS Baccalaureate (HUB)
Mon	19-May	6:30pm	SPR Council (113 - closed meeting)
Tue	20-May	6:30pm	Finance Council (tbd)
		6:30pm	Serving Ministries (111)
Wed	21-May	5:30pm	LAST Wednesday Night Dinner until fall
			RAFFLE DRAWING!
		6:15pm	Children's Spring Musical
Thu	22-May	11:45ish	Ladies Who Lunch (tba - an Azle area Mexican?!!)
Mon	26-May		Memorial Day - Office Holiday
Tue	27-May	6:30pm	Administrative Board (back of Sanctuary)

