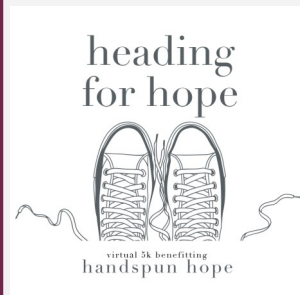


First United Methodist Church Goliad, Texas

February 2021

Heading for Hope Virtual 5K Supporting Handspun Hope:

COME RUN (OR WALK, HIKE, BIKE, KAYAK, ETC.) WITH US!



We're hosting our first ever Heading for Hope Virtual 5k and we want YOU to join us!

To maintain safety for all, we've gone with a virtual platform that allows for participation from the safety of our homes or neighborhoods anywhere in the world. And with a week to complete your run (or walk), you can fit it into your schedule wherever it works best!

Registration is \$30 per runner. Your fee includes a donation towards the counseling center, a t-shirt for you AND covers the cost of a t-shirt for a staff member in Rwanda. Talk about a win-win! Runner shirts will be mailed. Please sign up by Friday, February 5th to receive your shirt before the kickoff date, February 13th.

Join us Saturday, February 13th at 7am CST for the Heading for Hope Virtual Kickoff event with our staff in Rwanda! Tune in to our Facebook and Instagram accounts (@handspunhope) for the live kickoff event with a **special appearance from the ladies of Handspun Hope as they run their 5k!**

For more information and to register online, visit: <https://headingforhopevirtual5k.itsyourrace.com//event.aspx?id=14202>

Rail Offering: Souper Bowl of Caring

Communion Sunday this month happens to fall on Super Bowl Sunday...so we are partnering with a national effort to TACKLE HUNGER!



In 1990, Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group: *"Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat."*

Since then, more than \$160 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation's largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need.

Share in God's love for our neighbors in need and give generously on Souper Bowl Sunday. On February 7, bring cans of soup or monetary donations for us to shop for you. All of the donations collected will go directly to our **Berclair Community Food Pantry**.

Join us Online

We continue to offer our worship service online during this season of COVID.

Find our services on our:

Facebook page
YouTube Channel
Website

January Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship
01/03	16	48
01/10	16	44
01/17	18	37
01/24	22	54

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

February 7, 2021
Immediately following
Worship



Ways to Give to First UMC Goliad

Mail: POB 1223, Goliad, TX 77963

Paypal: www.fumcgoliad.org



THIS IS US:

God's Covenant People

Lent 2021: This is US: God's Covenant People

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word lencten, meaning “lengthen” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry.

Lent is a time of repentance, fasting, and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Christians focus on their relationship with God, growing as disciples and extending ourselves, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of ourselves for others.

Ash Wednesday is on February 17th and we'll gather for a worship service at 6:30pm. Traditionally, ashes are imposed on our foreheads during this service tying us to the ancient practice of the repentant who sought to rejoin the fellowship of believers. As a sign of their sorrow for their sinfulness, they were sprinkled with ashes and given rough garments to wear. In the age of COVID, our practice will be altered this year as we will not receive ashes. Instead, we will join the practice of rending fabric to lament our waywardness and confess our sins to God. In doing so, we will still embody the sentiment: “Repent, and believe the gospel!”

On Sundays, our worship series will be “*This is Us: God's Covenant People.*” The main title comes from NBC's television series whose tagline is: “Everyone has a family. And every family has a story.” And isn't this true for us as the family of God as well! Each week, the lectionary texts will take us on a journey through the various covenants God made with His people and the evolution of this relationship. As we walk this road to learn our history, may it shape who we understand ourselves to be and where we go into our days ahead.

LENT IN PLAIN SIGHT

A DEVOTION
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Lent Study: “Lent in Plain Sight” by Jill Duffield

Join Pastor Missy on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm on Zoom for a book study from February 23 - March 30. Participants can purchase the book on their own, or if you would like the church to order you a book for \$12 through Cokesbury, [place your order](#) with Pastor Missy by February 8. [Sign up](#) in order to receive the Zoom link!

From the back cover: In this devotion for the season of Lent, Jill J. Duffield draws readers’ attention to ten ordinary objects that Jesus would have encountered on his way to Jerusalem: dust, bread, the cross, coins, shoes, oil, coats, towels, thorns, and stones. In each object, readers will find meaning in the biblical account of Jesus’ final days. Each week, readers encounter a new object to consider through Scripture, prayer, and reflection. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Lent in Plain Sight reminds Christians to open ourselves to the kingdom of God.

Confirmation Class Starts in March!

Class Dates: March 10, 24; April 7, 21; May 5, 19



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YOUR FAITH / YOUR COMMITMENT / GOD’S CALL

This Spring we’ll offer a Confirmation Class for youth (Grade 6-12) who want to explore their faith. We will have 6 sessions meeting on every other Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 pm, beginning March 10.

At the end of our sessions, participants will have the opportunity to stand before the church to profess Jesus as their Lord and Savior and to become full members of our church. Confirmation Sunday will be on May 23 - the day we celebrate Pentecost: the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of Christ’s Church!

If you have a youth in your life that would like to participate in Confirmation, contact Pastor Missy to get them registered!

Confirmation Sunday: May 23