



The Pflame

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HAPPENING NOW

PFUMC STORIES

THE PFUMC STORY
TAKE THE 1ST STEP

WED. 10/9 - 6:30 PM - FLC
RSVP: TEXT 214-502-5117

What is Stories

STORIES is the best first step you can take toward getting connected at PfUMC. It is a ninety minute meet-up. You will hear the pastors and key leadership talk about where we've been, where we are going and why you already belong.

RSVP

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RUSSELL'S RAMBLINGS

Remembering the Why



“Shocking” is one common clickbait words used in Internet headlines to lure us into reading. So, it shouldn’t be a surprise that I clicked on this article: [Survey Shocker: Music Dead Last, Sermons First, as Worship Draws](#). The Baptist News Global story got my attention with its empirical support of the importance of the pastor’s sermons. (Please note my tongue is placed firmly against my cheek.)

Truthfully, I wasn’t happy to read about the low esteem for music. My sympathies were roused for Trevor and the singing Choral Marys, Jennifer and Ken, Joey, other band and choir members. Then, I realized the people who took the survey probably don’t attend PfUMC, so they can’t be blamed.

The Gallup people who did this survey found that fully three-quarters of respondents cited sermons that illuminate the Scripture and apply it to daily life as the top reason they attend a particular church. This comes in just ahead of spiritual programs for children and youth and engagement in community outreach. Last on the list was music, whether a good choir or praise band.

What would worship be without music that raises our praises to God? Imagine a church with great preaching and dreadfully poor music? It is a universal rule: Excellence in one area is tied to excellence in other areas.

Surveys like this try too hard. This particular survey plays into the consumer “a la carte” mentality that Boomers (I am one) have cultivated for the last 40 years. My generation were the originators of the pick and choose worship experience according to our own tastes and comfort. I am waiting for a congregation to install Facebook-like buttons in the pews with choices of like, love, wow, sad, angry.

How about some good old-fashioned love for God and Christ’s church being the primary reasons we come to church? We’ll continue to do our best week by week to make church—sermons and music and everything else— worth the effort of being here. In the end, it’s about God, not any one of our preferences when we gather to worship.

In the mid 1800’s Fanny Crosby, perhaps the most prolific strophic hymn lyricist, penned the **WHY** behind worship: *Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear God’s voice; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice*. In 2018, Chris Tomlin, perhaps the top Christian composer living also penned the **WHY** behind worship: *Let everything that breathes, let all the earth proclaim; great is the Lord our God. Praise Him forever. Let all that is within me magnify His name, great is the Lord our God*.

Thanks be to God for every generation that remembers the why, regardless what the survey says.

Pastor Russell

CONSIDER THIS...

Hello PFUMC,

Wow, it's hard to believe I've been at PFUMC for three months. Thank you for welcoming Earind and me into this faith community. We are thankful to be here and look forward to all God has in store.

In September I had two Sundays to present a working timeline for launching a new worship campus in east Pflugerville. Thank you for the opportunity to do so. Many questions were raised then and in conversations since. I'd like to address some of them with you now.

- 1) Our goal for starting a new Methodist campus is to reach more people for Jesus Christ, as commanded by our Lord in Matthew 28:16-20.
- 2) The Bishop and Bishop's Cabinet appointed me to Pflugerville First United Methodist Church with two intentions: serve PFUMC & partner in starting a new Methodist campus in east Pflugerville. While working on the plant I'm working with our Sunday worship team, small group ministries, and youth.
- 3) The Rio Texas Conference budgeted funds to support the initial phases of the plant, but it is expected for the new campus to immediately begin working to financially support its ministry.
- 4) This is a work for multiplication not a response to division. We are partnering to make new disciples of Christ not pull disciples from PFUMC or any faith community.
- 5) By the grace of God, I am a United Methodist Pastor. The new campus will be a United Methodist gathering.
- 6) We have not purchased land nor a building. We will begin in rented space.
- 7) The new campus will have its own unique branding according to the mission of reaching the unchurched.

I believe God is inviting us into a work God already begun in this city, of which we are all part. At this moment God is speaking to the hearts of people who need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and desire to be in fellowship with loving believers. As the church, we have the Spirit, gifting and command to create spaces for Jesus to draw men, women, girls and boys unto Him. Let's create spaces together for the Kingdom of God and the common good.

If you would like to meet, please know I welcome and look forward to learning and sharing.

Peace,

Aaron Carter



WORSHIP AND ARTS



Greetings,

Please see below the many worship and arts offerings at PfUMC. We are blessed with many gifts that makes these offerings possible. I hope you will not miss a single opportunity.

A Special Note: There is still room for additional talent show acts. Please be in touch so we can review your act and refine our presentation.

IT IS GOOD AT PFUMC!



PFUMC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Bible Sunday Oct 13th

We will be celebrating Bible Sunday on October 13th. If you have a 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader please contact Stephanie@pflugervilleumc.org

SERVICE OF GRATITUDE

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOV. 3, BOTH SERVICES

We Thank God
For Every Remembrance



Classical Artists Concert Series presents
Sunday Symphony

4 O'CLOCK | 20 OCT 2019 | FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
500 E. PECAN | PFLUGERVILLE



Martin Kesuma
Concert Pianist

WHAT IS IT?
HOW DO I GET INVOLVED

STEPHEN MINISTRY SUNDAY

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
OCT. 20, BOTH SERVICES

WANT TO KNOW MORE
SUZANNE@TRIBLARELICS.COM

PFUMC
LOOKING FOR CHOIR MEMBERS

If you have a passion for singing, join us!

REHEARSAL EACH WEDNESDAY 7PM

Sing in both Services: 9AM and 11AM



Re-Presenting Salvation's Saga

THE STRUGGLE
THE SOLUTION
THE SEQUEL

2019 FALL SERMON SERIES
BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15
PASTOR RUSSELL AND PASTOR AARON

Be present each week to follow this ancient epic tale told in modern and relevant ways.

SMALL GROUPS

FAITH
& Family
Small Group

"God's Messy Family"

New study begins
on Sept. 29th
10:15 a.m.
Room 117

Holly Taylor - hollyzt@yahoo.com

Based on a
study of the
book of
Genesis



**YOU PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN
BUT DO YOU PRAY OVER THEM?**
Praying Circles around your Children
New Parent's Prayer Small Group
8 weeks Starting 9/29
10 am Administration Building 102
www.pflugervilleumc.org for more information

**JOIN US FOR
ADULT SUNDAY
SMALL GROUPS**

3 Weekly Offerings
Living the Questions, Room 104
Issues Class, Room 108
Monday Connections, Room 113

**EACH SUNDAY
10:00AM-10:45AM**

CHILDREN'S PAGE



2019-2020 Children's Small Groups have started off great this year. We are so glad to have kids back in their classrooms, learning about God and his wonders. Our Children's Church during 9am and 11am services continues to GROW and we love watching kids connect with Godly Play.

We continue to offer spiritual development for parents as well. There is a small group *Praying for your Children* and a new study *God's Messy Family* in the Faith and Family small group. Both groups meet on Sunday morning at 10:15am. For information on these and all our other upcoming Children's Ministry events, check out our website at <http://www.pflugervilleumc.org/children-families-ministries>.

Don't forget to sign up for Kid's Night Out! Saturday October 26th from 5pm-9pm in the Preschool building. Children 0-10 years old. \$20 for first child and \$10 for each additional sibling. Email Stephanie@pflugervilleumc.org to sign up!

Kid's Fall Schedule

10/7 Mom's Coffee Talk

10/13-10/31 PFUMC Pumpkin Patch

10/19 Story & Craft time Pumpkin Patch

10/23 PSCS BOO BASH

10/26 Kid's Night Out

11/9 Family Bingo Night

11/11 Mom's Coffee Talk

12/1 Advent Adventure/Family Photo Op

12/7 Pfestival of Lights Parade

hot chocolate meet up

12/9 Mom's Coffee Talk

12/14 Kid's Night Out

Features and News



OCT. 26
5-9PM

KIDS NIGHT OUT

Kids will enjoy Crafts, Games
Movies Pizza and Popcorn

\$20 FOR FIRST CHILD
\$10 FOR NEXT SIBLING

RSVP;
stephanie@pflugervilleumc.org



MOM'S
COFFEE TALK

OCT 7 9AM-11AM
Admin Building #117

RSVP FOR CHILDCARE
stephanie@pflugervilleumc.org
Fellowship, Support, Community

STUDENT PAGE

Features and News



**Learning
to Pray**

**@FUSION
2-4PM
SUNDAYS**

PUMPKINS ARE COMING

**Sunday,
October 13th**

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Please sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a4da5ab2aa6fc1-pfume>

Thank you for supporting the Student Ministry



Youth News



In September, our youth explored prayer, learning about how and why God wants us to pray, then learning how it applies to their lives. They were also able to complete a service project where they helped to plant flowers for Jubilee Academic Centers. As much fun as September held, everyone is looking forward to October and pumpkin season.

Pumpkin sales allow our youth to earn money towards their mission trips. While they are working hard all through the month of October, there are places we could use some help. On October 6th from 2-4pm, we will be setting up the pumpkin tent, then pallets will arrive on Wednesday October 9th. Any help that can be given on those days would be welcome. We will need all hands-on deck October 13th when the pumpkins arrive. The estimated arrival time is 12:30 pm, please note that this time may change. We will post updates as we receive them on the PFUMC Students Facebook page.

Even though pumpkins are coming and our students will sell them all through October they are still looking for ways to give back and work with the community. If you haven't already, please follow Fusion on Facebook under PFUMC Students to see what the youth are up to. We have an amazing group of students that are working hard to help others as they learn about what God has in store for them. If you know of any middle or high school students that are looking for a faith home we would love to have them join us.

JOIN US

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

DAY OF SELF DISCOVERY
AS SEEN THROUGH GOD'S EYES

Enneagram Workshop

Led by Rev. Georjean Blanton

NOVEMBER 2ND, 9AM-4PM
FAMILY LIFE CENTER
RSVP TO FUMC@PFLUGERVILLEUMC.ORG

\$60 Registration Fee
Includes lunch and snacks

The Gospel
According
to the
Enneagram



CAN WE HELP YOU FIND
A SMALL GROUP?

**Faith Formation
is contagious.
Pass it On.**

**PASTOR RUSSELL & AARON
WANT TO HELP YOU FIND YOUR PLACE**

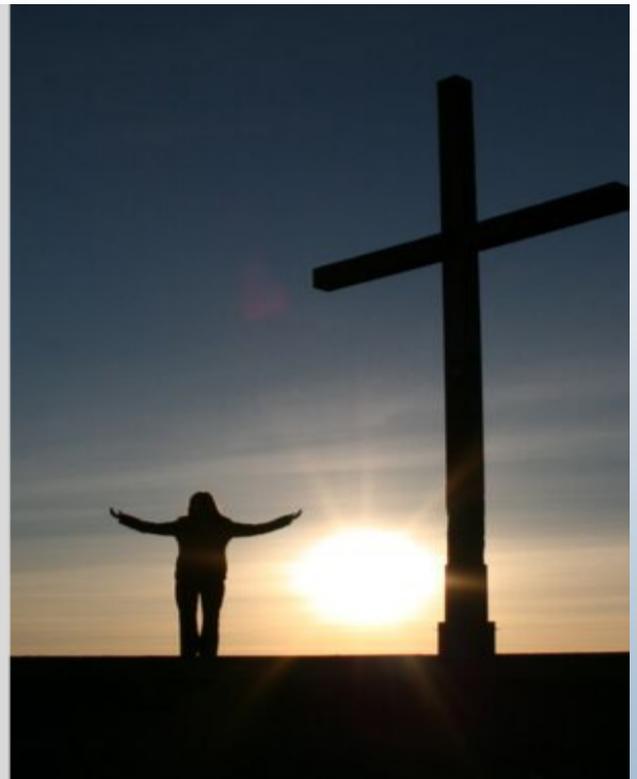
Visit us at
www.pflugervilleumc.org

FAITH FOR EVERYDAY SMALL GROUP

Tuesdays in October
6:30pm Admin Bldg Room 104

God's word builds us up in every way. Come learn how to listen for God's word in a relevant and practical way. Each Tuesday in October we will have a 15 min class to learn how to listen for God's Encouragement, Forgiveness, Acceptance, Correction and Love.

Contact Pastor Aaron Carter at
aaron@pflugervilleumc.org for more info



WEEKDAY MINISTRIES



LIKE TO SERVE OTHERS?
WOMEN'S GROUP

Servant Angels

EACH TUESDAY 10AM



Pray and Crochet

Every Wednesday
2:00 - 3:30

Pfun Quilting

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
10 am - 3 pm



Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

**10:00 am - 11:00 am
in Room 102**

Come share an hour with God.

FAMILY LIFE



UNITED METHODIST MEN

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

8-9:30 IN FAMILY LIFE CENTER

BRING A FRIEND OR
NEIGHBOR

I Forgot Bunch

Thursday, October 17th

Nimitz Museum in Fredericksburg

Cost: \$12 for Seniors

Leave Church at 9:00 am

RSVP by Sunday, Oct. 13th

George & Sandy Tolleson gtsic@flash.net

Walking Meter - Medium



BOO BASH

Wednesday, October 23

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Family Life Center

\$10 - Wristbands

\$5 - Dinner Tickets

Unlimited Games for kids

Hotdog, Chips & Drink



OCTOBER 19, 3PM

TALENT SHOW

GOT TALENT

CONTACT TREVOR

trevor@pflugervilleumc.org

EVERYONE INVITED

SERVING OTHERS

BOUNTIFUL SUNDAY November 3

ITEMS NEEDED FOR FOOD PANTRY THANKSGIVING BASKETS

Stuffing Mix	Cornbread Mix
Macaroni & Cheese	Chicken Broth
Cranberry Sauce	Instant Potatoes
Gravy	Soup
Tuna	Oatmeal
Cereal	Peanut Butter
Cake Mix	Cookie Mix
Canned Green Beans	Canned Corn
Canned Fruit	Canned Yams
Canned Pumpkin	Fruit For Pies

OR A HEB \$10 GIFT CARD



SUNDAY SMALL GROUPS

LIVING THE QUESTIONS

10:15AM Room 104
Contact Donn German
donngerman@att.net

Bible study with emphasis on social justice and human diversity. Reconciling Ministries Community, affirming and welcoming people of all ages, sexual orientation, gender identity, racial identity, and ethnic background. We support change in the UMC regarding human sexuality.

LINKS SUNDAY
WORSHIP TO OUR
EVERYDAY JOURNEY
AND DISCIPLESHIP.

MONDAY CONNECTIONS

10:15AM Room 113
Contact Joel Roehling
joel@termistopusa.com

ISSUES CLASS

Studies issues that affect life and faith in biblical times and in the present.

10:15AM Room 108
Contact Jack Foreman,
jforeman@sbcglobal.net

PFUMC DASHBOARD

PfUMC NUMBERS

2019 New Members: 49

Worship Attendance

Sept. 2018: 204

Sept. 2019: 245

Small Group Attendance

Sept. 2018: 58

Sept. 2019: 65

EASY SIGN UP
AUTOMATIC RECURRING
CONTRIBUTIONS GIVING HISTORY

ONLINE DONATION

Go to the Link Below
Follow Instructions

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM
/PFUMCGIFTS](https://tinyurl.com/pfumcgifts)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS



PFUMC NEEDS YOU

CHILI COOKS NEEDED

Pfall ChiliFest

www.October 19.com

Thursday October 3rd

6:00-9:00 pm

Family Life Center



Cost: \$25.00 payable at class
Instruction on First Aid & CPR
Certificate issued at end of class.

Childcare is available upon request:
Stephanie@pflugervilleumc.org

Grand Adult Day

October 18th

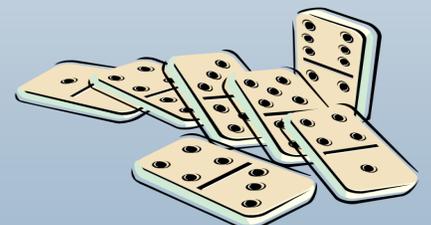
10:00 am - 12:30 pm

Dominoes, Cards, Bingo, Friends, Lunch

RSVP

512-310-1060

Transportation
provided by
Senior Access





Sunday Morning Worship Services

9:00AM & 11:00AM - Worship in Sanctuary

10:15AM - Sunday Morning Small Groups

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