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## One more chance to vote

If you haven't had a chance to vote on plans for Christmas Worship, here's another way you can do so. How do you want to celebrate on Sunday, December 24th? Print, cut one, return to church ASAP.

\_\_\_ One service at 10 AM

\_\_\_ One service at 6 PM

\_\_\_ Both

\_\_\_ Will you attend a "potluck" (Meal or just desserts) and Holiday sing along December 19th at 6 PM.



## What's Happening!

*By: Tom Lathen*

## Prayer and Preparations Continue

The Building Committee has restricted with the assistance of our President Pro-Tem, Pastor Leah Hidde-

Gregory. The committee is working to bring two possible building locations to the church membership as soon as possible.



### Special Days in October

- Suzy Tindell— October 14
- Sandra & John Perry— October 16
- Julie Johnston— October 21
- Judy & Steve Lazarus— October 24
- Sandra Schneider— October 31

*Please send birthdays & anniversary dates to Pastor Tom or John Perry for inclusion in your birthday or anniversary month.*

Pastor Tom has called the church into a focused time of prayer about that is next for our church.

While he called it 100 days of prayer— the idea is that we all keep praying about what we should do next. That does not preclude the committee from reporting back sooner, in fact that is their goal.

I love Christmas. Truth be told it is the one (and only) time I miss the snows of the Pacific Northwest. For the past few years Kathy and I have watched *While Christmas* and *Holiday Inn* to get our fill of snow.

This year we're very excited to share Advent and Christmas with everyone at New Life Global Methodist Church.

I need to hear from all y'all this month about our service options for Christmas Eve—which falls on a Sunday. Do you want an evening service? Do you want our 10 AM service? Both? If you are out of town for Christmas Eve know that you'll be in our prayers that it will be a special day for you too.

I hope we can have a time of singing some of the traditional songs on our before December 19th too.

## Global Church News Roundup for October

The Global Methodist Church is now active in all 50 states. This news was shared by Pastor Leah when she visited our church last month.

In Kenya, 58 churches have withdrawn from the UMC and joined the GMC. Other congregations in Ethiopia are also expected to join the GMC.

A provision passed at the UM Church's special called 2019 General Conference has allowed

approximately six thousand local congregations in the U.S. to disaffiliate from the denomination. The UM Church's Council of Bishops decreed that the disaffiliation provision was only applicable to U.S. churches. Consequently, members in Africa, Europe, and the Philipines have, like the clergy and lay leaders in Kenya, used other methods for extracting their local churches from the UM denomination.

## 5th Sunday in October

Our 5th Sunday Mission Opportunity in October will be MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Please consider a special offering to MD Anderson October 29th. Ted Williamson will be giving a personal testimonial about the treat he received over the summer in Houston.

We'll also have a Sunday Lunch Potluck after church. Do I smell pumpkin cookies???

## Busy September At New Life Methodist:

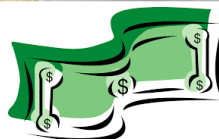


Above: Dr. President Pro-Tem of the Mid Texas Conference of Global Methodist Church speaks on our church's first anniversary. Left: Four new members join our church, Greg and Jonita Siegel along with Vickie and Kyle Dean.



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New Life Methodist Church meets each Sunday at 10:00 am with Bible Study at 9:00 am at the Salado Museum, 423 S Main Street in downtown Salado.  
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## Dollars and Cents

Balance 8/30/23	\$65,136.58
Sept. Deposits to date	\$ 9,025.00
Sept. Expenses to date	<b>\$ 3,298.60</b>
Bank Balance 9/25/23	\$70,862.98 *
Certificate of Deposit	\$75,000.00 **

\*includes \$16,500 Building Fund balance  
\*\*\*Purchased 6/29/23 (accrued interest=\$878.42)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 7 Men's Breakfast at the Englekings—8:00 am

Nov 16 Wall Shakers Prayer Retreat—conference event. Pre registration required.

Feb. 1 –3 Annual Awakening in Waco. Pastor Tom to be ordained.