

SONORA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

11:00 Worship12th Sunday after PentecostAugust 16, 2026

PASTOR’S WELCOME
God is Good – *ALL THE TIME!*
All the Time – *GOD IS GOOD!*

WELCOME TO ALL - Please be sure to sign the attendance register located in each pew.
If you are a visitor, please provide your mailing address so that we may send you a personal letter of welcome.

To reach Pastor Mark Brechin, please call (830) 931-1440.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS
PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIPPsalm 131

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

It is like the precious oil anointing the head.

It is like the morning mist which falls on the mountains of Zion.

For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

*OPENING PRAYER
God of grace, you sent the promised gift of the Holy Spirit upon those who waited. Fill now your church with power, kindle flaming hearts within us, and cause us to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue, that all may call on you and be saved; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

*HYMN OF JOY“We Gather Together”UMH 133

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITHUMH 884

*RESPONSE“Glory Be to the Father”UMH 70

OFFERINGUSHERS and ACOLYTES

*DOXOLOGYUMH 95

CENTERING SONG“Surely the Presence of the Lord”UMH 328

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION
Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. AMEN.

NEW TESTAMENT READINGRomans 11:1-2a,11-20,23 & 29-32
*GOSPEL READINGMatthew 15:10-11 & 15-28

WITNESS TO GOD’S WORDPastor Mark Brechin
“The Heart of the Matter”

*HYMN OF FAITH“One Bread, One Body”UMH 620

JOYS AND CONCERNS
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP
You are encouraged to consider God’s calling upon your life. Should you desire to answer that call through membership in this congregation, please come forward as we sing...

*HYMN OF INVITATION“Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing”UMH 671

*BENEDICTIONPastor Mark Brechin
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*\*Stand, as ableUMH – United Methodist HymnalTFWS – The Faith We Sing*  
Rev. Mark Brechin, Pastor

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
Linda Fisher8/21

LONG-TERM  
PRAYER REQUESTS  
TJ HarrisKash Nelson  
Ken NelsonRandy Murphy  
Darla McKissackSarah Neely  
Preston FarisMark West

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**August 17th - August 23rd**  
**(FUMC Events in Bold)**

**MON. 08/17**

***Methodist Day School***

**TUES. 08/18**

SHS Volleyball @ Sonora

**WED. 08/19**

***Bible Study @ 5pm***

***Methodist Day School***

**THURS. 08/20**

SHS Volleyball @ Lubbock Tournament

**FRI. 08/21**

SISD - 3PM Dismissal

SHS Volleyball @ Lubbock Tournament

**SAT. 08/22**

SHS Volleyball @ Lubbock Tournament

**SUN. 08/23**

***Sunday School 9:45AM***

***Worship Service 11:00AM***

**Connect with us!**



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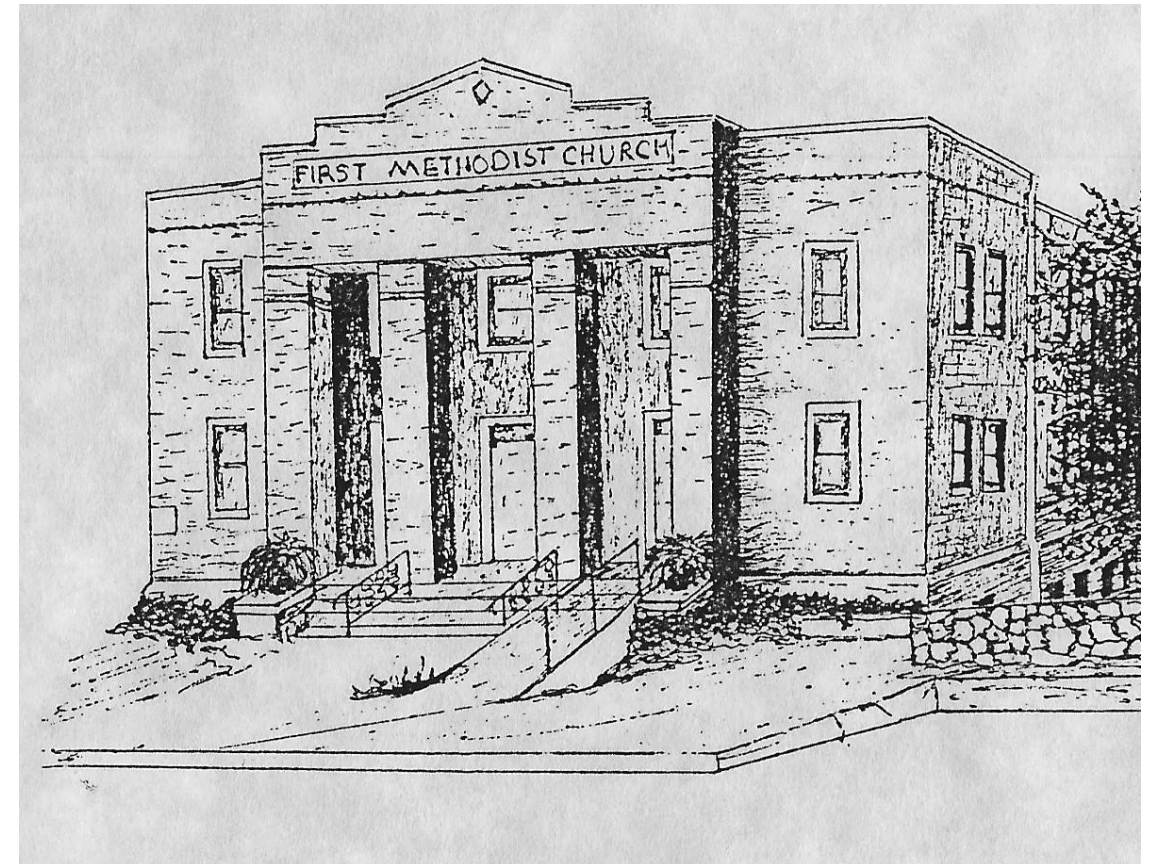
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*UMW Meeting - September 14th*

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our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ.*

**Thank You!**



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