

SONORA FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH		
11:00 Worship	1st Sunday of Kingdomtide	August 23, 2026
PASTOR’S WELCOME		
God is Good – <i>ALL THE TIME!</i> All the Time – <i>GOD IS GOOD!</i>		
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.		
<i>To reach Pastor Mark Brechin, please call (830) 931-1440.</i>		
CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS		
PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Psalm 124
If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us,		
Then they would have swallowed us up alive, when their anger was kindled against us		
Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to our enemies		
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.		
*OPENING PRAYER		
<i>Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. AMEN.</i>		
*HYMN OF JOY	“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”	UMH 117
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		UMH 880
*RESPONSE	“Glory Be to the Father”	UMH 70
OFFERING		USHERS and ACOLYTES
*DOXOLOGY		UMH 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 READING		
*GOSPEL READING		Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:1-4,13-20
WITNESS TO GOD’S WORD		
“Who is Jesus?”		
Pastor Mark Brechin		
*HYMN OF FAITH	“Take My Life, and Let It Be”	UMH 399
JOYS AND CONCERNS		
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		
INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP		
<i>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...</i>		
*HYMN OF INVITATION	“They’ll Know We are Christians”	Celebration 429
*BENEDICTION		
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*Stand, as able	UMH – United Methodist Hymnal	TFWS – The Faith We Sing Rev. Mark Brechin, Pastor
HAPPY BIRTHDAY		
Darrell Barker	8/24	
Patti Barker	8/25	
LONG-TERM PRAYER REQUESTS		
TJ Harris	Kash Nelson	
Ken Nelson	Randy Murphy	
Darla McKissack	Sarah Neely	
Preston Faris	Mark West	

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**August 24th - August 30th**  
**(FUMC Events in Bold)**

**MON. 08/24**

***Methodist Day School***

SMS Volleyball @ Sonora

**TUES. 08/25**

SHS Volleyball @ Ballinger

SMS Fall Sports Picture Day

**WED. 08/26**

**Bible Study @ 5pm**

***Methodist Day School***

SMS XC @ Sonora

SHS XC @ Sonora

High School Youth Group @ Episcopel Church

**THURS. 08/27**

SHS Volleyball @ Sonora Tournament

SHS JV Bronco Football @ Sonora

**FRI. 08/28**

SISD - 3PM Dismissal

SHS Volleyball @ Sonora Tournament

SHS Bronco Football @ Miles

**SAT. 08/29**

SHS Volleyball @ Sonora Tournament

**SUN. 08/30**

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

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

*The Church office will be closed September 7th*

*UMW Meeting - September 14th*

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our neighbors in the name of Jesus Christ. Thank You!*

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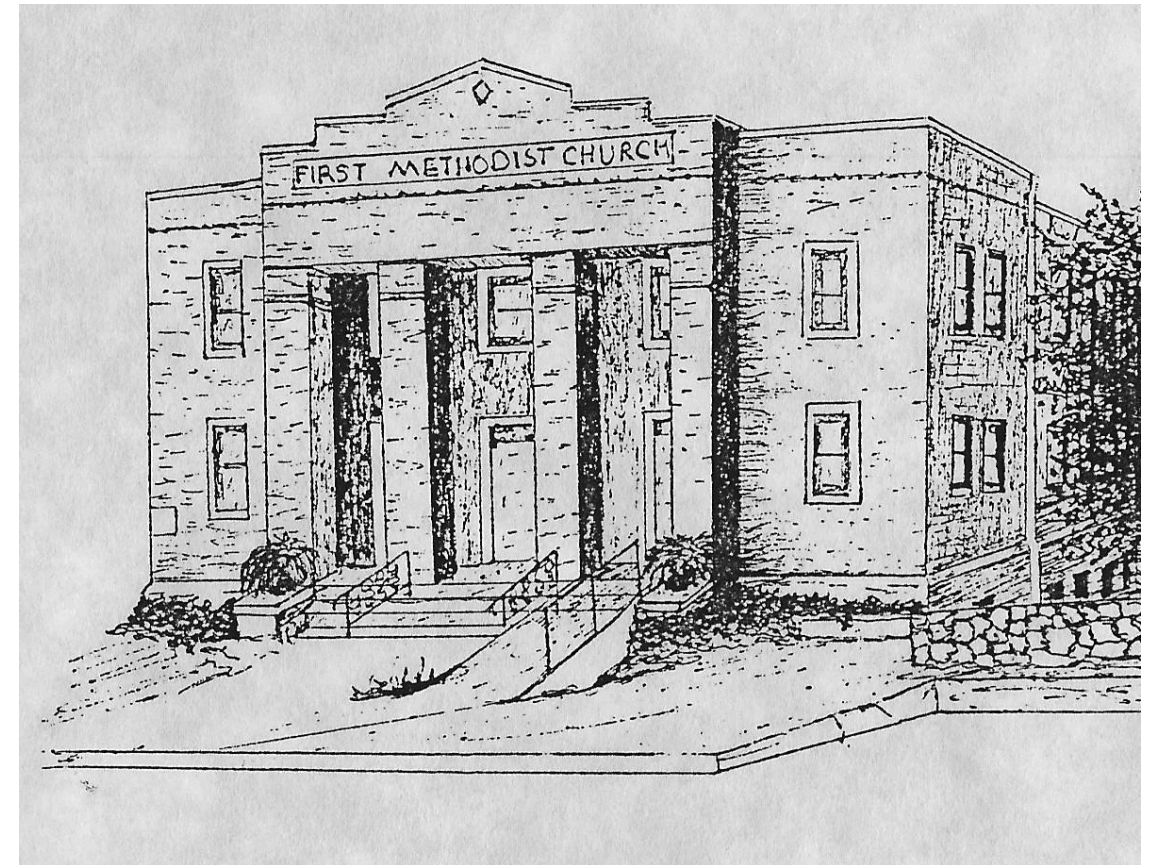
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