

FROM CHURCH TO CHURCH, AMEN!

AMEN to FUMC, Mercedes, for celebrating their first 100 years with the old and the new. They had a hymn sing of favorites from their traditional service, and a medley of praise songs, including some in Spanish, from GODSPACE, their new contemporary praise service that features music with a latino beat.



FUMC, Mercedes—Ready . . .



Set . . .



Go!

AMEN to FUMC, Mission, who refer to their first time visitors as first time guests because that seems to convey the message that “we want them here”.

AMEN to Lyford UMC for increasing communications in their church family through their new quarterly newsletter. (See post card below for another communication idea form Lyford.)



We want to thank you for making First United Methodist Church Lyford your church home for the winter. We will pray for you while you are away. Please come back next year! Remember, this picture was our Christmas miracle not a normal winter scene. Our church will remain a **warm** place to visit!

Your friends in Christ,
The Lyford Congregation

AMEN to St Mark UMC who have added to their monthly reports to the District Office the number of people who were invited to church the previous month. The challenge is that each member will invite several people each week and record that number on the registration pad on Sundays.

AMEN to FUMC, San Benito, who provide a weekly message on their marquee in front of the church. They recently got a “thank you” from a woman who said she reads the message each week and the current message was especially meaningful to her family since they had just lost a baby.



San Benito marquee

AMEN to FUMC, McAllen , for changing their worship service times and styles to offer a greater variety of services to reach more people. Their goal is to make each service unique and meaningful.

AMEN to Christ UMC for hosting the City-Wide Fifth Sunday Sing-a-Long. There were 114 people in attendance from Christ UMC, First Baptist, First Christian, and St. Gertrude's Catholic Church. Christ UMC also hosted the City-Wide Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service to which 23 area churches were invited.



Christ UMC chancel.

AMEN to Zapata UMC for making their church more visible to the community by celebrating Veteran's Day with a presentation for the POW/MIA by the 15th District American Legion Auxiliary. The worship service was followed by a Pot Luck for members and their guests.

AMEN to FUMC, Mission, whose UMW is committed to doing their best to "Go Green" and encourage others to "Go Green" for the coming year. They plan to list 10 suggestions each month for church members to refer to.

AMEN to FUMC, Alice, who celebrated their 125th year in ministry. They displayed memorabilia of past ministry and renewed their commitment to minister to the whole community. Several local churches worshiped with them on November 23rd in lieu of their own Sunday service.



FUMC, Alice-wedding dress worn 50 years ago.



More memorabilia—FUMC, Alice

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